

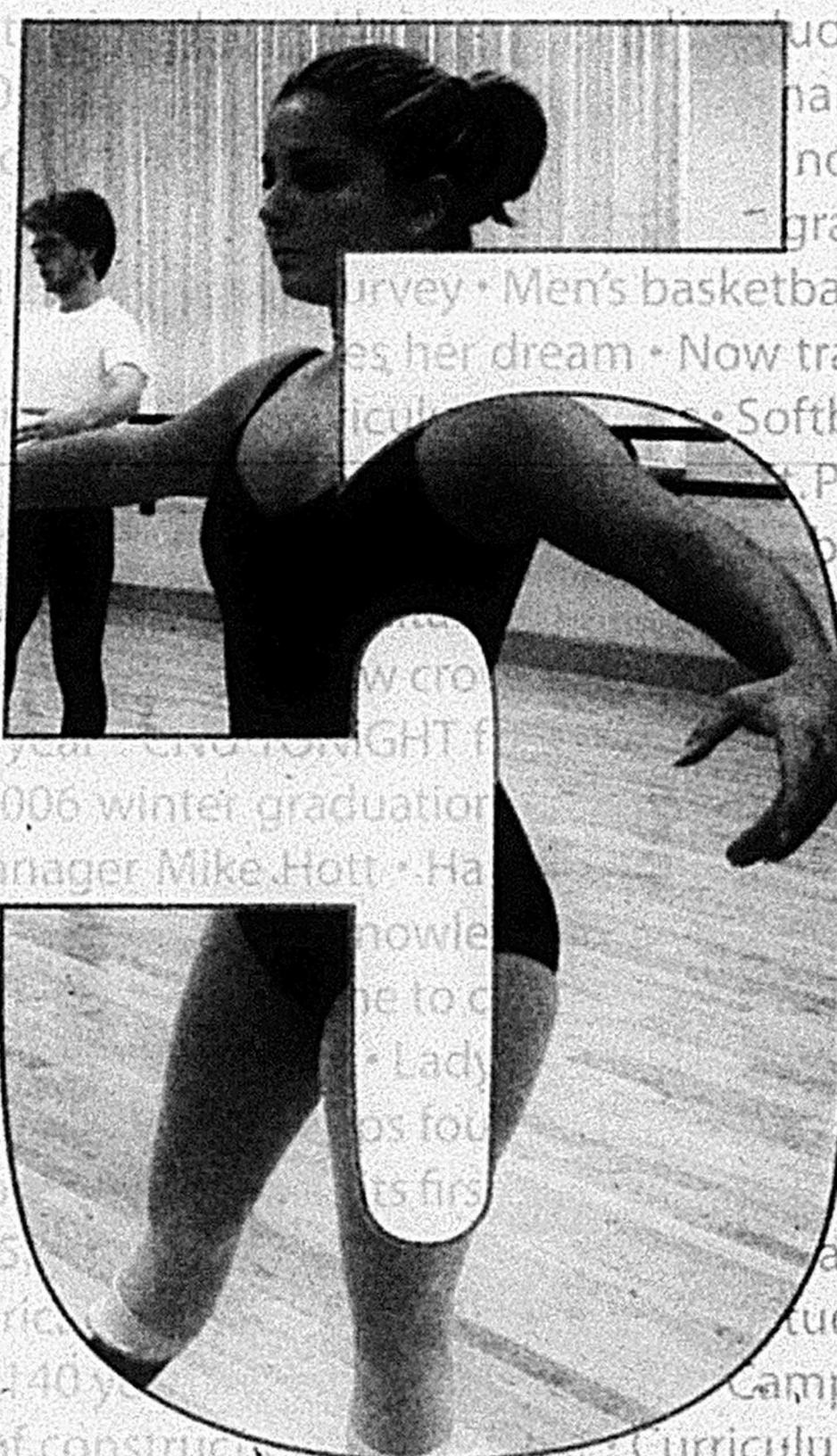
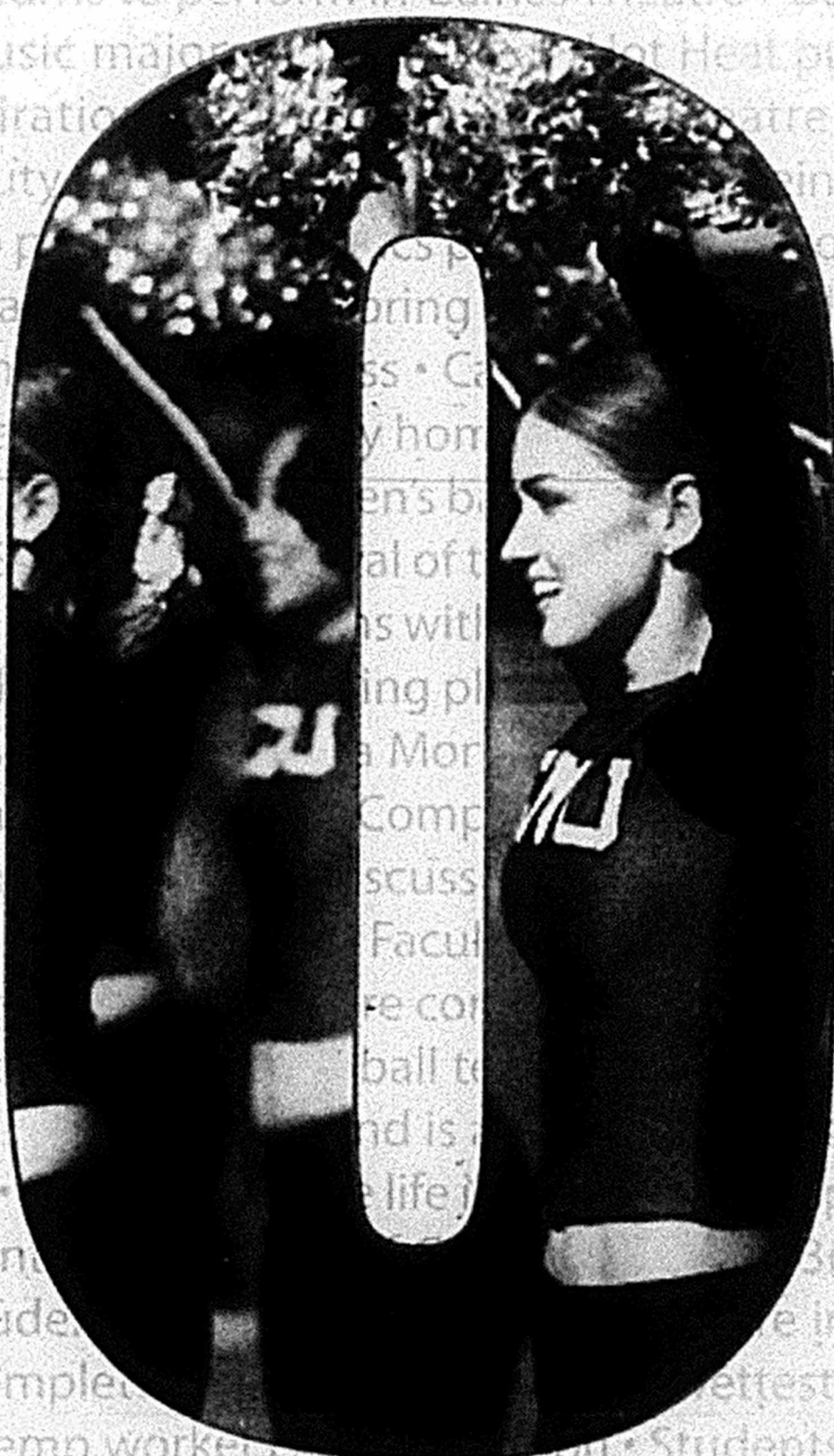
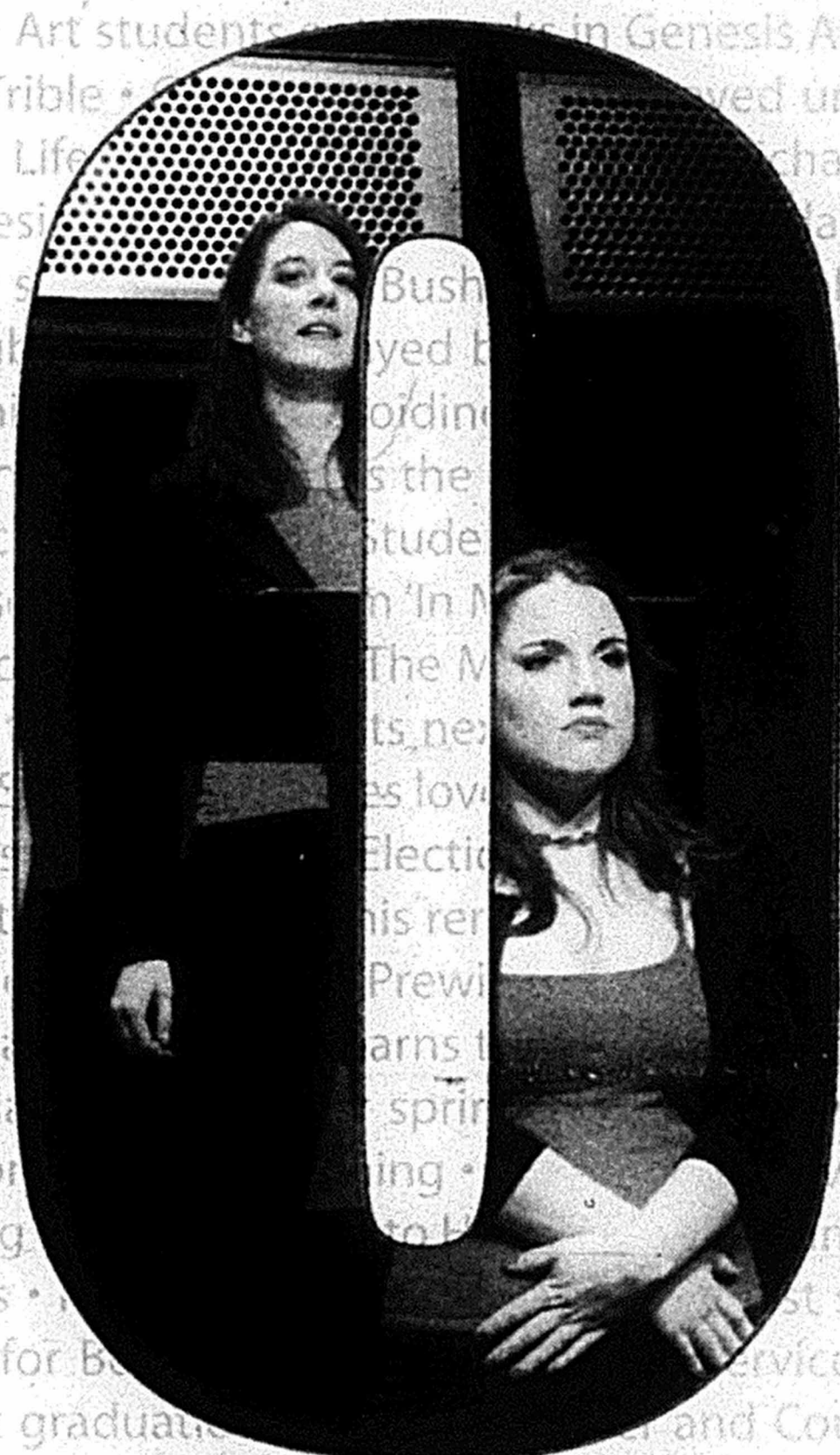
The Captain's Log

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Year In Review

For the past 13 years, members of the Christopher Newport University community have had no yearbook. The last issue of "The Captain," CNU's yearbook, proclaimed that the yearbook was no longer considered a viable project due to the lack of student interest and cost of publishing. As the gateway to the news world on campus, the Captain's Log has decided to take on the task of creating a special Year In Review issue in hopes that students will have some memento of the Fall 2004 and the Spring 2005 semesters. This issue is comprised of the stories and photographs that best capture this academic year.



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New house bought for President Tribble

By PAIGE MANKIN
Captain's Log Intern

The university has been receiving a lot of criticism recently for their purchase of a home on the James River waterfront for President Tribble. After running an article which discussed the purchase, the Daily Press even ventured so far in Thursday's edition as to ask their staff and readers to suggest possible names for the new residence. With names appearing such as "The house that dumping the nursing school built" and "The Private Money Pit," it seems that some may be concerned that the funding for the new residence is coming from inappropriate sources. Another suggestion for the house's name more accurately describes the situation: "Hey, It's Foundation Money So We'll Call It Whatever We Want."

In order to purchase this home for Tribble, the Real Estate Foundation actually used private funds. Board of Visitors member Jay Joseph, who is employed by Advantis Real Estate Company, stated, "The Real Estate Foundation funded the purchase." He also said that no tuition or public monies were used.

According to Joseph, the CNU Real Estate Foundation is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization which invests in various income-producing real-estate

projects, all in the interest of the mission statement of Christopher Newport University. The university is using a portion of the profits from this business venture to fund the purchase of the President's new home. As a result, the Real Estate Foundation will actually hold the title to the property and the building located on it.

When asked why CNU needed a new home for the President in the first place, Joseph explained that Tribble's current home was purchased in 1982 when CNU was a very different school and the demands on the home were different as well. In other words, in 1982 CNU (at that time Christopher Newport College) had only been a four-year baccalaureate-degree-granting institution for 11 years.

The school's population was much lower, as was the number of people the President needed to entertain or "wine and dine" (as the Daily Press put it) each year. As President Tribble points out in the "Message from President Tribble" on the CNU Web site, "In the past seven years, we have more than doubled the size of our freshman class."

In order to meet the needs of a growing university and its President, the school turned to Advantis. According to their Web site, Advantis specializes in leasing, property management, corporate real estate services,



CNU recently purchased a home on the James River waterfront for President Paul Tribble. The purchase has received criticism from the community.

tenant and landlord representation, investment sales, construction and strategic consulting. The Real Estate Foundation and Advantis worked together to purchase a property that would be more conducive to the large-scale entertaining President Tribble had to grow accustomed to since the university began its rapid growth. Joseph mentioned that, "In just four months this fall, the president and his wife hosted more than 1,500 guests,

including students, faculty, staff, alumni, donors, community leaders and other friends of the university."

The solution to the space problem was found in a property located at 134 James River Drive. The property, costing approximately \$1.4 million, is located on the waterfront in an upscale Newport News neighborhood behind the Mariners' Museum.

The purchase of this home was closed on Feb. 25, 2005;

however, according to Joseph, no official decision has been made as to whether or not the existing house will be demolished and, if it is, what will be built in its place.

The property was purchased with the intention of eventually constructing a "unique facility designed specifically to accommodate the long-term needs of the school," said Joseph.

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2006 winter graduation cancelled

By LAUREN MUDD
Captain's Log Intern

Beginning in the 2006, winter commencement will no longer be offered for students planning to graduate in December.

As stated in a campus-wide e-mail sent out earlier this month, the 2005 winter graduates will be the last to attend winter commencement.

"The winter commencement ceremony has become increasingly difficult to manage because of the short time frame between the end of final examinations and the onset of Christmas vacation," said Provost Richard Summerville.

"Yet the fraction of the year's graduates who finish in December has remained relatively small, while the expense is essentially constant."

On average, winter commencement is held a week after the completion of final exams.

Graduating students are expected to pay a \$100 processing fee which covers the diploma, a chair to sit on during the ceremony and all other expenses associated with the commencement.

According to Denise Waters, Associate Director of Communications, 232 students graduated in the 2004 Winter Commencement, and it cost the university \$22,000.

The university did not say whether the \$100 graduation fee still remains for those who choose to not to come back in the spring for commencement.

"In all of this, it is important to be mindful that the ceremony of the commencement is not required order to become a CNU graduate," said Summerville.

"Students can complete degree requirements three times each year: at the end of summer school, at the end of the fall semester and at the end of the spring semester. Whether or not the student attends commencement exercises, he or she will become a CNU graduate at the end of whichever one of the three academic terms in which degree requirements are completed and will be provided with appropriate documentation of that status."

In addition, students who plan to graduate in an upcoming winter are instead invited to attend the following spring commencement.

Junior Lindsay Martenak is one of many students who face the consequence of having to graduate in the winter if unable to attend summer classes.

"I'm upset because I deserve to walk when I earn my diploma," she said. "Just because it is in the winter doesn't change all the hard work I've done, and the chances that I'll be in the area in the summer are slim because [my family] lives in Texas now."

When asked how the removal of winter commencement affected him, freshman Jeff Haas stated, "I would be kind of mad. Because by then I would have a job and I'd have to take vacation days just to go through a graduation ceremony."

This is not the first time winter commencement has been removed.

A few years ago it was cancelled due to severe budget cuts that also resulted in the elimination of three program closures.

"I strongly object to the removal of the winter commencement because those students who have worked so hard to try and graduate early will not get recognized for their accomplishments," said sophomore Megan Spencer.

"Instead they have to wait three-and-a-half months to be formally recognized, which in turn, may turn students away from working hard to graduate early."

Dr. Vernon Harper, Assistant Professor of Communications, pointed out that although the removal of winter commencement is "a little inconvenient, it is not a burden."

He also said, "Graduation has to make a good business case and make sense from a number standpoint, and if there is enough students who are graduating. I think administration took all of those into account when they dropped it. But I had to do it. I had to come back for commencement for my masters and doctorate. And I was two states away."

Issue 18, Feb. 23, 2005

Revamped SGA completes first year

By PHILIP LECLERC
Contributing Writer

No longer did a throng of a hundred senators fill the Alumni Room; they were replaced by about two-dozen men and women in suits and a handful of onlookers.

This was the new senate, and at the 2004-2005 academic year's start it faced a new challenge: to apply its new constitution. In dealing with the constitution, the three separate branches of student government dealt with one another, the administration, the press and other parties to set precedents for future generations of student government.

"This is going to be to set examples for future senators," said Secretary of the Senate Christine Warner at the senate's meeting of March 28.

When she said this, she was referring to a set of biographies she had asked the senators to each write about themselves,

but those biographies were to be written about events, and those events had already begun to set examples for future leaders.

What were those events, specifically, and what did they do? Legislation was passed concerning recycling and registration policies; requests were made of officials with authority over parking services and others with authority over the new student center's architecture.

A town hall was held and made open to students and the community at large; individuals competing for positions in both the upcoming SGA and Class Council of 2005-2006 debated openly with one another, confronting questions set forth by an audience of their peers and constituents.

Periodically throughout the year, individuals and bodies within the government took actions to directly and intentionally impact the minds and behaviors of those that would take their posts in the future. Legisla-

tion passed on a variety of these subjects went to the desk of SGA President Melissa Bell, and she signed each almost without exception into the senate's bylaws.

Leaders in new positions set precedents themselves. As the first president of the SGA to serve under the new constitution, Bell, with the aid of her fellow students within the executive branch of the SGA, gave the executive report to the senate on a biweekly basis.

Bell was the first president under this new system to deal with the administration, the senate, the justices, the press and legislators; her dealings with each have shaped the relationships SGA has with those groups.

Chief Justice Kelley Word regularly attended the senate's meetings; on several occasions she explained to the senate the constitutional roles of herself and her fellow justices, as well as the rationale behind decisions made by the justices regarding interpretations of the constitu-

tional expectation that senators attend meetings regularly.

The Vice President of the Senate for the first academic year under the new constitution was Ryan Chandler; Chandler affected the flow of senate meetings and chose a Sergeant-at-Arms to help him.

He silenced senators at senate meetings, moved the senate through its agenda and appointed as the senate's sergeant Senator Josh Dermer, saying that he would like Dermer to learn and apply Robert's Rules of Order to the SGA Senate meetings in the future.

"It's been a very productive year, but counterbalancing that it's been a transition year; there's been a lot of introspection this year which is a role that I don't see SGA playing as much of in the future. It's more about looking outward, looking out to the campus, but this year it's just sort of the nature of the beast with the new constitution, phasing those changes in. We've

had to look inward this year, but a lot's gotten done," said Chandler.

The SGA throughout the past year has been moved by its senators, justices and executive branch members as well as by each branch's officers. One of those, Senator Melureen Farooq, won the SGA presidency for the 2005-2006 academic year; Chief of Staff for the executive branch, Molley Buckley, won the vice-presidency.

Although the actions of Bell, Word, Chandler and their branches of government have set precedents for Farooq's administration to consider, it is those that will serve with Farooq and Buckley that will determine what of this past year lasts and what fades away. "I will fulfill all of our responsibilities to the best that I can," said Farooq; with that, the SGA has entered the conclusion of the 2004-2005 academic year.

Three new minor programs proposed

By ERIN ROLL
Contributing Writer

As part of a series of ongoing changes in the academic curriculum, proposals for three new minors have been submitted for faculty consideration, along with plans to revise the Classical Studies Department and journalism concentration.

These minors still need to be reviewed by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee and then approved by the Faculty Senate and provost before they formally become part of the curriculum, said Douglas Gordon, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The proposed minors are in dance, classical studies and journalism.

The dance minor, according to Professor Steven Brees of the Fine and Performing Arts department, would allow performing arts students to study dance while seeking a degree in a different subject. If accepted, the minor would add six new courses to the performing arts curriculum.

Study toward the minor would consist of two components: the theoretical component and the actual movement component.

Completion of the minor requires at least 15 credit hours, six of which must be under the theoretical component, with the remaining nine in the movement component.

Students would also have to maintain a C- average in order to stay in the

program.

The theoretical component would consist of THEA 249, Music Analysis and Dance Composition, and THEA 349, Dance History and Contemporary Perspectives.

The movement component would have two ballet courses, classic jazz and Dance Styles for the Musical Theater.

Students taking the minor must successfully complete the two ballet classes and one of the other two dance courses.

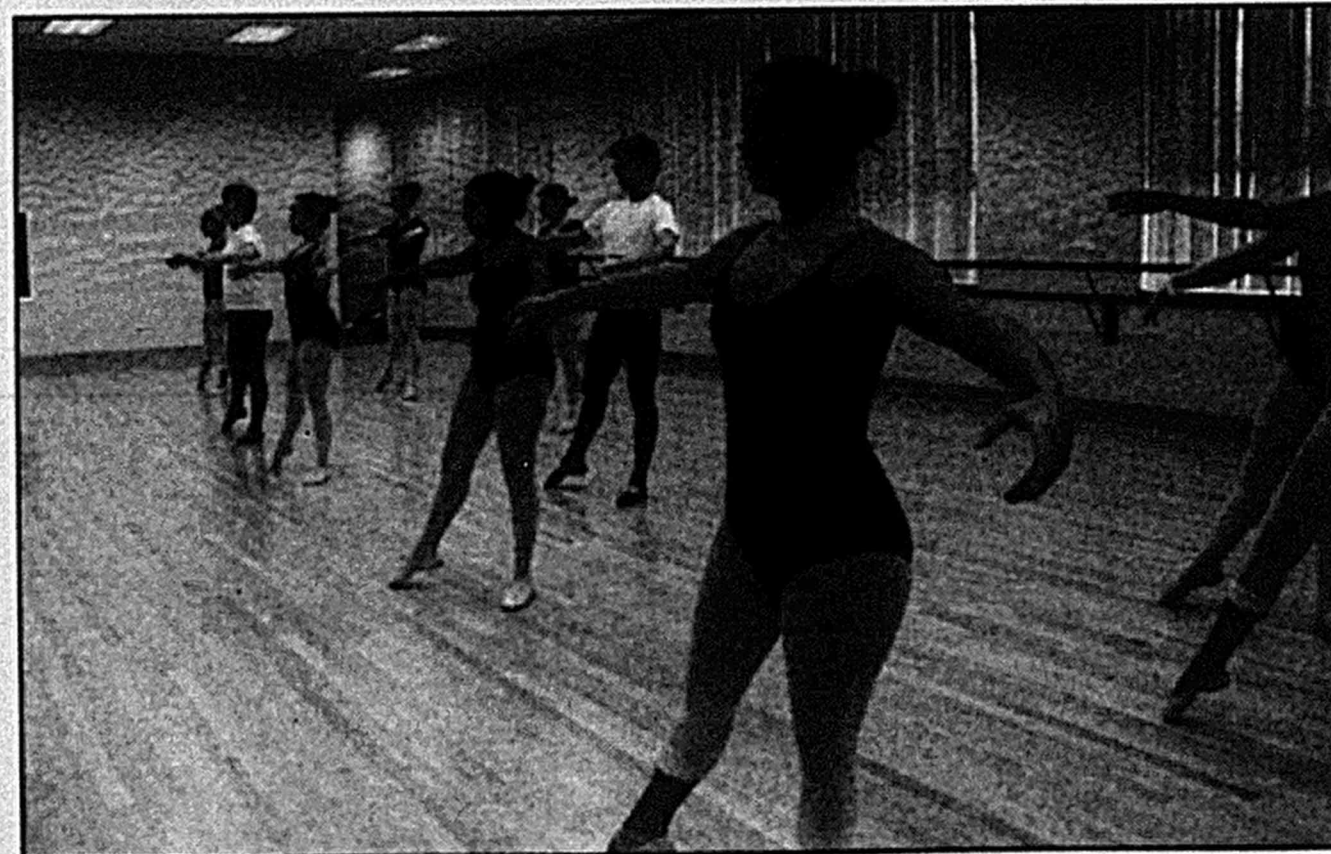
According to Dr. Jana Adamitis of the Modern and Classical Languages Department, in the classical studies minor, students would be able to pursue a degree along one of two tracks: the Latin track, which puts emphasis on the Latin language, and the classical studies track, which concentrates on Greek and Roman history.

She also has submitted proposals for five new courses to be added to the Modern and Classical Languages department. These courses include Elementary Greek, Latin Authors and a 300-level writing-intensive course.

The writing intensive course is entitled, "Sacred Violence: The Social Function of Greek Tragedy." This course will focus on how witnessing violent stage tragedies instilled social morals and values in Athenian citizens.

Adamitis has said that there has been "an increasing interest" in studying ancient Greek and 10 students have applied for independent Greek studies this year.

The Elementary Greek sequence, she said, would teach students to read works by Plato,



Sophomore Becca Lloyd demonstrates her abilities in Professor Hurst's beginning ballet course. The course will be one of several included in the new dance minor.

Aristotle, Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides, to name a few, all in the original Greek. The course would also prepare students to read the New Testament in Greek.

In addition to the new classical studies courses, at least two existing ones will be revised. The Mythology and Its Influence sequence will shift its concentration to the study of myths in visual arts and literature.

The minor would be open to all students, if approved, and will be available in 2006, said Adamitis.

In the English department, the journalism minor has been approved by the department chairs and submitted for approval.

All students would be wel-

come to take part in the minor program, with the exception of those students who are English majors.

The minor would follow mostly the same curriculum as the journalism concentration, with some additional courses, including multicultural and language literacy components.

Students in the journalism minor would have the option of taking either Multicultural Literature or Minorities in Society, a sociology class. Students may also choose from either the Writing Center internship course or English 430, which covers the grammatical aspects of the English language.

In addition to the journalism minor, there are plans to revise the current journalism con-

centration, said Dr. Terry Lee.

If these changes go into effect Advanced News Reporting and Writing will be changed to Narrative and Immersion Reporting and Writing. Also, instead of publishing eight articles in the Captain's Log, journalism students "must be active throughout their degree studies in the print media, on campus or off," he said.

There is also the possibility of hiring additional faculty to teach the journalism courses said Lee.

The Undergraduate Curriculum Committee is expected to meet in the third week of November to discuss the proposed courses.

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Einstein's offers complimentary wireless Web service

By ASHLEIGH TULLAR
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Einstein's Café is now the first campus location to use wireless Internet connections outside of the computer labs. It is now connected with the same server that is used in the Gosnold computer lab. Now that Einstein's features wireless Internet there is hope that students and faculty will be encouraged to come in and grab a cup of coffee while surfing the Internet.

Senior Brian Wrestler is an Einstein's Café employee who has used the wireless Internet for study groups and found it

to be much easier without his Ethernet cord snaking across the café to where the bar is.

"It is more convenient for staff and students to connect. I work until midnight and the wireless server makes it easier to be on the Internet," he said.

Computers are no longer available in the café and a wireless card must be installed on a computer to use the wireless Internet.

Senior John Gillerlain uses the Internet in Einstein's frequently when he is on campus Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Although his computer is equipped with the wireless access card, he was unable to use

it Wednesday night. Gillerlain said, "I have mixed emotions of confusion and annoyance with the new Internet system."

When asked how he felt about the whole campus becoming wireless in the future he responded by saying, "If they can keep it consistently working it would be good, but it seems a bit of a pipe dream."

Assistant Director of IT Services Andrew Crawford said that IT Services is planning a significant expansion in wireless capabilities for the campus.

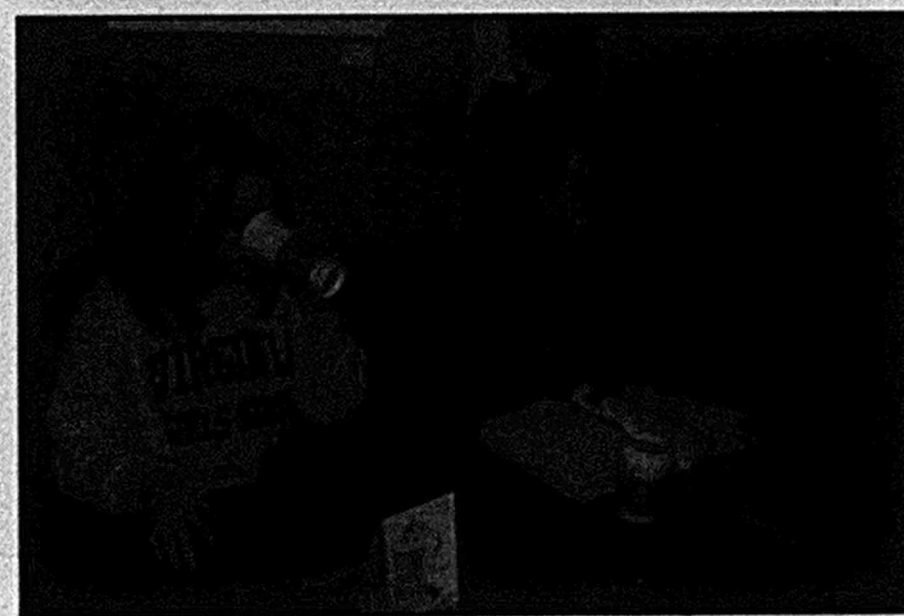
The focus will be on deploying wireless access where it will have the most impact, such as residential areas, the library and

the new student center. They are also planning on implementing partial wireless access in CNU Village.

The wireless plans will show significant progress over the summer of 2005.

If wireless Internet users are worried about computer security Crawford said, "The new campus wireless network will be built with a focus on security. Users will authenticate to the wireless network before being allowed to access the Internet. It will not be possible for unauthorized individuals to view the information of CNU wireless users."

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Freshman Jessica Bowman and sophomore Holly Barrack use the new wireless internet services in Einstein's.

Council, SGA officers elected

By PHILIP LECLERC
Contributing Writer

In Discovery Café current SGA President Melissa Bell introduced the Head of the Elections Board, Renée Moore.

Moore stood on stage, took the microphone in hand and told her audience who had won the two contested positions within SGA and the one contested position within Class Council: the presidency and vice-presidency of SGA as well as the presidency of the Class of 2006.

After weeks of campaigning, SGA Senator Mehreen Farooq, SGA Chief of Staff Molly Buckley and Class of 2006 Treasurer Tiffany Slaughter won their bids to each position.

Farooq will serve as SGA President during the 2006-2007 academic year.

"I felt honored to be running against two rather fine candidates and I congratulate their campaigns; I am again honored to be elected by our student body and I will fulfill all of our responsibilities to the best that I can," said Farooq.

Farooq campaigned for the presidency against Class of 2006 President Craig Whisenhunt and SGA Senate Vice-President Ryan Chandler.

Buckley will be Farooq's vice-president. "I'm really excited; I'm really anxious to get

to next year and start working and work with Mehreen," said Buckley.

"I think we're really going to listen to the students' voices and articulate them in a good fashion. I think the election went really well; I was really glad to run against [junior] Marlana [Anderson] and [Executive Chair of the Inter-Club Association] Stacey [Vande Linde] and I really hope they stay involved; I think they did a great job," she added.

Slaughter will serve as Class of 2006 President but was unavailable for comment.

Slaughter campaigned against junior Billy Boulden and Whisenhunt.

Moore also announced the other elections' winners, although only the first three individuals ran in contested elections.

In the SGA senate, Slaughter will serve as senator for the Class of 2006. Senator Molley Bailey, Senator Gus Diggs and sophomore Brian Adams will serve as senators for the class of 2007. Freshmen Allen Grace and Brad Birth will serve as senators for the Class of 2008. Senators Katie Grace and Joshua Dermer, ICA Representative Erin Greene, sophomore Candace Mascia and junior Robert Peresich will serve as Senators at Large.

For the Class of 2006, juniors Gillian Henry and Stacey Vande Linde will serve as vice-presi-



Newly elected President Mehreen Farooq will serve for the 2005-2006 academic year.

dent and treasurer respectively.

For the Class of 2007, Farooq and Senator Ashleigh Stacey will serve as Vice-President and Public Relations Chair, respectively.

For the Class of 2008, President of the Class of 2008 Todd Shockley, Public Relations Chair Rebekah Garton and freshmen

Virginia Brumer and Kristina Jenkins will serve as President of Class of 2008, Public Relations Chair, Vice-President and Treasurer respectively.

Altogether, these students will be the leaders of both SGA and Class Council for the academic year of 2005-2006.

Winter formal first alcoholic event in recent history

By ALIYA ALTAFULLAH
Captain's Log Intern

The balloons and artistic decorations combined with hundreds of dancing feet and untamed laughter brought The Ferguson Center's main atrium to life.

The theme was "Rendezvous on Bourbon Street," and the hall was decked to the nines with everything a New Orleans party should have; the music was loud, the gowns were sparkling, and the alcohol was flowing way into the hours of the morning.

That's right, you read correctly. This year's ball was in fact the first wet event on campus in recent history.

The idea for hosting a wet campus-sponsored event had been discussed for quite some time by many of CNU's benefactors.

Many had heard the rumors but nothing was formally announced until last Sunday night at the dance committee meeting held by Greek Life.

And so it became official: the Alcohol Task Force - comprised of students, faculty and staff - had decided to serve beer and wine to those students of legal age.

"The idea had been requested by students for a while," said Carrie Muoio, head of Greek Life.

"So far everything has been great; we sold over 700 tickets and everyone seems to be having a good time. I think we could expect this campus-wide formal sponsored by Greek Life to become an annual event."

ID's were checked and verified upon entry to the lobby's grand atrium.

The cash bar was set up in the lobby and was busy all night, with bartenders selling drinks to those wearing a white wristband.

Many students agreed that this formal was a huge stepping-stone for CNU and one that many thought they'd never witness.

"I had heard the rumors but was really surprised when it became official since they'd never done anything like this before," said 19-year-old sophomore, Melissa Medlen.

Twenty-one-year-old junior Matthew Woodson said he thought it was a great idea and "a very good opportunity to expand the university."

"CNU just continues to evolve so quickly and at the rate it's going once in a while we have to just look at what we're doing and make certain changes," said President Paul Trible.

"Although CNU will still remain a dry campus, the alcohol task force came to this decision and it was carried out."

President Trible also went on to say that he was very pleased with the turnout of students at the dance and that everything went well as planned.

He also confirmed that once the up and coming CNU Village opens in the Fall of 2005, the chain restaurants located there will also serve alcohol to students 21 and over.

Kevin Hughes, head of Judicial Affairs, said that in the end, everything went great and the formal was a huge accomplishment.

"The alcohol task force will look at this event and base further decisions on its success. The students worked hard for this and they got it."

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Relax Inn to house students next year

Students who missed the housing deadline are on the waiting list for a local hotel

By LAUREN MUDD
Captain's Log Intern

As of August 2005, some CNU students will be housed in the Relax Inn located next to CNU Village and in front of CNU Apartments.

Negotiations with the hotel have been in play this past academic year, yet nothing began to solidify until this semester.

Chief of Staff for the university Cindi Perry said that, "when it became clear that the student

demand for housing exceeded what was available, we decided to open the Relax Inn as an option."

Although the Relax Inn was not listed as an option for campus housing the first day of the lottery, administration quickly decided to add it to the list of dorms and apartments available.

"There was a room for every student who submitted their housing contract by the deadline," said Perry. "Some students did not meet the deadline

and were put on a waiting list."

During the lottery, some students had chosen the Relax Inn over other buildings, and the majority of those who did not make deadline are now working with the Housing Office to be placed in a room in the Relax Inn.

"We actually leased it a few years ago to house some students," said Perry. "We cleaned it, painted it and provided furniture. Now, we plan on making those rooms comparable to other campus rooms; we will make it appropriate for student housing."

The building is estimated to hold up to 100 students, with at

least two students per room, but Perry doesn't think all rooms are needed for next year. The question and concern for Resident Assistants are still being decided.

As the Relax Inn is now to be considered campus housing, students who live there next year will pay the same room rates.

Barclay will continue to house students and Warwick will now be used to provide offices for faculty members.

The current manager of the hotel, Mr. Patel, stated the hotel is expected to vacate by the end of June, and he is still in the process of finding a new location for the Relax Inn.

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Progress continues on new Student Center

By ALIYA ALTAFULLAH
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The construction to the new Student Center has been underway for over six months now.

At this point, the \$42 million Student Center is running on schedule and planned for opening in approximately one year.

W.M. Jordan began site work around May but didn't officially break ground until this past August.

There are about 80 men working on the project at any given time and W.M. Jordan is also the company contracting CNU Village as well as the new Captain John Smith Library.

John Darden, the superintendent for the Student Center construction, has worked for W.M. Jordan Construction for

17 years and also managed construction on Santoro Hall and Potomac River Hall.

Darden commented that so far construction has gone as planned, with weather being the only obstacle in the way.

Early fall brought a couple weeks worth of rain which created difficult working conditions.

Darden also mentioned that after the Student Center is fully completed, a paved walkway will connect the area between the center and York River Hall.

This walkway should make it much easier for students to cross campus in order to get to their classes on the other side.

The three-story building will be an estimated 116,000 square feet.

The doors are going to open to a three-story atrium with balconies on all floors so those on

top can look down into marble-floored lobby.

The first floor will consist of a number of dining facilities, including Chick-fil-A, Stone Willy's Pizza and Gemille's Grill.

The lower level of the bookstore will be there as well.

The second floor will have a ballroom for dance functions as well as meeting places for larger gatherings.

There will also be a number of additional meeting areas, a large boardroom, the upper level of the bookstore and a full-functioning post office.

The third floor will be for all student-run organizations, sorority and fraternity offices, Career and Counseling, Student Life and other clubs and student associations. It will also have an all-purpose copy center.

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Photo courtesy of W.M. Jordan

An artist's rendering of the new Student Center interior, which will feature balconies overlooking the main lobby and a ballroom.

Softball team receives new on-campus playing field

By PAUL FROMMELT
Captain's Log Intern

This season, the Lady Captains Softball Team will no longer feel like visitors on their own home field. After having to play all of their home games off campus last year, the team is preparing to welcome opponents to their brand-new, on-campus softball field.

Nestled between POMOCO Stadium and the baseball field, the softball field will be the Lady Captains' practice field, as well as their permanent field for home games. The \$350,000 construction project started this January and will be ready to use by the Lady Captain first home game on March 1.

"It's just a great boost overall to the softball program and the whole department," said Director of Athletics C.J. Woollum. "They've been a tremendously respected program for many years. And there is no reason why they can't take it to another level with a facility like this on campus. I think they have a chance to be a true national power in softball."

Last year, the Lady Captains were forced to move off campus when their field at the time, DeStany Park, was torn down to make way for the Avenue of the Arts. The team moved to First Baptist Church on Warwick, which is driving distance from campus. "It [was] really hard to give directions, because you can't say 'Oh, you go to school.' You have to say 'You go past the school for about a mile.' It was just a pain," said senior pitcher Michelle Prewitt.

Although the team didn't have an on-campus field, they continued to dominate their opponents, earning a 36-7 record and winning the USA South Championship for the fifth year



Paul Frommelt/The Captain's Log

Members of the softball team pause during practice on the newly completed softball field. The field was completed in time for the Lady Captain's first home game.

in a row. "It's nice to actually have a field. It feels like CNU cares about us," said Prewitt.

Late last week the Lady Captains began to practice on the new field.

"I think we'll get the feel of it," said Associate Coach Paul Weiss. "As long as we can get a feel of where the fences are [and be able to] find the good places and the bad places, if there are any bad places."

When asked if he was worried that the team wouldn't be used to the field in time to play their first home game, Weiss said, "[We'll know the field] better than our opponents." Weiss was the head coach of the Lady Captains from 1996 to 2003.

The new site for the field puts the Lady Captain's new home right in the heart of CNU's ever-increasing sports complex.

"It's just a great complex back there now, there are so many activities going on at the same time, and every field is first class," said Woollum. The relation to the football field will also let the fans take advantage of POMOCO Stadium's concession stand and restrooms. Fans will have access to gravel parking and lots L, M, N and O for weekend games although park-

ing will be scarce for now.

"Parking is a dilemma on this campus," said Woollum. "For weekends we will work to clear [the lots behind Potomac River Hall] for all of our outdoor activities but [fans] are going to have to find a place on campus and walk to the site. Parking, as we know in general is a difficult challenge."

Although the new field will not be completely finished by March 1, it will be fully functional.

"There may be more development down the road, but we're trying to get it up and running so it's usable and so the team can have an actual home and the fans can have a nice place to come too," said Woollum.

For now, just having a place for the Lady Captains to call home is what's important.

"It's the best thing that could have happened to the softball team," Weiss said. "It's been a long time coming, but it's going to be worth it."

"It's a tremendous help in recruiting," said Woollum. "It's tremendously uplifting for the present team members. You could just go on and on about the positives."

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University retention low

By PAIGE MANKIN
Captain's Log Intern

Of the freshmen that entered CNU in the fall of 1998, only 36.8 percent have graduated. This low percentage is indicative of a problem with both retention and graduation rates. In other words, 63.2 percent of the freshmen that entered at that time have either left the university for one reason or another (a retention issue) or remained here without yet receiving a degree (a graduation issue).

The Retention Planning Team (RPT) has recently been formed to investigate this problem. This team consists of students, faculty and administrators appointed by President Paul Tribble, and the provost, the academic deans and the vice president for student services.

Associate Director of Communications Denise Wa-

ters described this organization as "a joint effort between the faculty, administration and student body."

Administration has made the challenge of raising the retention rate a high priority. The university has already allocated significant resources (those being people and money) to "really attack the retention issue" said Waters.

The question still remains, why is the university having difficulty trying to keep students here once they arrive? Some students believe that the retention problem might be tied to the elimination of several key programs in the last few years.

Though programs lost to budget cuts and constraints do factor into the retention rate, they are not the sole cause because these programs were eliminated years ago. The goal of the RPT is to determine what the other causes for the university's low retention rate are, while simultaneously working to eliminate

them.

The university recognizes the importance of being able to keep students for the duration of their college careers and they are looking into programs to ensure that this will happen. The goal is to retain students long enough to see them through graduation. Waters discussed an example of one such program.

"An example of an initiative created to improve graduation rate is a pilot project started last fall that pairs faculty and staff members with 88 individual volunteer freshmen" said Waters. "The mentors and the students get together and talk about a wide range of subjects occasionally over coffee at Einstein's Café or over meals on and off campus."

This program is due to be evaluated in May and the university has plans to expand it to include more mentors and freshmen that enroll in the fall semester.

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Projects on schedule

By ERIN EUDY
Managing Editor

Despite days of rain and the major snowstorm that hit Newport News the day after Christmas, the many campus construction projects continue to stay on track and the new traffic circle is completed and in use.

These projects include the student center, CNU Village, the library and the Ferguson Center for the Arts.

"All construction and expansion projects are on schedule and on budget," said Margaret Yancey, special assistant to the president of CNU.

Many students noticed on their arrival back to CNU the addition of lights as well as the extensive progress made to the new student center.

The new student center, which is scheduled for completion in winter of 2006, is going to be approximately twice the size of the old student center.

It will include club offices, a ballroom, a new residential dining facility, retail dining, a new bookstore, a post office and the Career and Counseling Center.

"I'm impressed with the

progress," said freshman Brendan Hunt. "But it's still a huge construction site that wakes me up every morning."

Another obvious change was the bricks in place along the majority of CNU Village.

"I plan on living in the CNU Village next year," said junior Justin Wood, "so I was really happy to see the progress they made on it over break. If it's not ready in time, I'll be pretty disappointed."

CNU Village is scheduled to be completed this summer.

This residence hall will house 400 students in apartments similar to the CNU Apartments.

Included in the planning are 17 retail spaces, designed for both the University and the local community.

The new 110,000 square foot library is expected to be finished in the spring of 2006.

"The new library sounds like it is going to be really nice," said junior Joey Thompson. "I just hope it's going to be done on time, it doesn't look like they have made much progress on it."

Finally, the Ferguson Center for the Arts, featuring a 50-seat

amphitheater, a 200-seat studio theatre, a 500-seat theatre and music hall, and a 1,700-seat concert hall is also scheduled to be completed this summer.

The new traffic circle was recently completed and has been in use since the very end of last semester.

The new circle allows students access to the new parking deck and local residents access to the new Shoe Lane, now called Avenue of the Arts.

The Avenue of the Arts is now open to all traffic and the old Shoe Lane from Warwick Boulevard to University Place is permanently closed.

Many students expressed mixed feelings about the new circle.

"I didn't like it," said junior Jen Sweeney. "I sat waiting on one side, but I couldn't get out because people kept driving around and around. It took forever."

Senior, Dave Kilburn, disagreed.

"It was a piece of cake," he said. "I flew around it, doing like 50. It was a nice alternative to having to wait forever at the different lights on Warwick."

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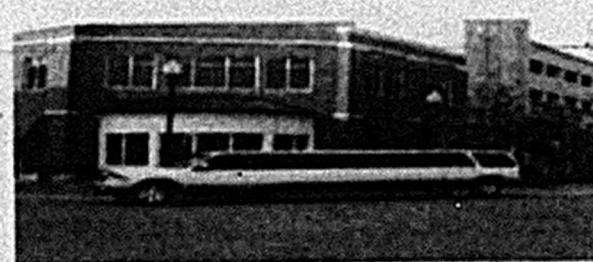
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In Loving Memory

Freshman runner mourned

By ERIN EUDY
Managing Editor

Grace Lovegrove, a cross-country runner, track athlete and freshman at CNU passed away last Wednesday after suffering cardiac arrest at practice on Monday. She was 18.

That afternoon, a memorial service that was originally scheduled to be a prayer vigil in Gaines Theatre opened with Dean of Students, Donna Eddleman, informing students, faculty, staff and administration that Lovegrove had just passed away.

President Tribble's wife, Rosemary, addressed those gathered, telling comforting stories and offering words of encouragement.

She specifically addressed members of the track and cross-country teams, relaying a message from Grace's grandfather, "keep running, run for Grace."

Junior Elizabeth Browning, teammate and friend to Grace, also addressed the tearful crowd.

She told stories of Grace's infectious happiness and amazing personality.

"She loved Cheerwine soda," Browning said. "And that was so appropriate because it totally described her. She was always cheerful and, like wine, she'll loosen you up. She was always positive."

Browning closed her remarks with a challenge for her audience. "I challenge you to smile at another person in the room," she said. "Smile for Grace."

Lovegrove, a native of Roanoke and graduate of Patrick Henry High School, was running

through a nearby neighborhood at practice on Monday with her fellow teammate, junior Megan Gehlsen.

"We were just laughing and carrying on," Gehlsen said. "The next thing I know, she's diving for bags of leaves in a driveway, breaking her fall on the way down. It just happened so fast."

Gehlsen stopped a passing car and the driver quickly called for help as other teammates came on to the scene.

Lovegrove was rushed by ambulance to Riverside Regional Medical Center and she remained there until her death, two days later. She was surrounded constantly by her family and friends.

Lovegrove is survived by her parents, Richard and Clarissa Lovegrove, and her 11-year-old brother, Spencer.

Her funeral was Monday afternoon and CNU provided buses for any students who wished to attend the service.

As a runner, Lovegrove was unstoppable. She was second-team all-USA South in cross country season and placed seventh at the conference championships.

She earned 12 varsity letters in high school, four in each sport: cross country, indoor track and outdoor track and field.

"She was consistently running for us in the top seven," said cross country coach Keith Maurer. "Running the longer distances than she did last year, her times were equivalent or better than what she did in high school." Maurer also coaches the distance runners on the track team.

However, she will be remembered by her teammates and coaches not just as a amaz-

ing runner, but also as an amazing person.

"Her personality was the overwhelming memory that you have of Grace," Maurer said. "She was happy-go-lucky, care-free. She just had a zest for and enjoyed life."

"Anybody Grace touched with her wonderful smile and her sense of humor instantly loved her," said sophomore Tim Scott. "She never said a bad word about anybody and she was up to any challenge that was put before her. She tackled it like a champion and always came out laughing."

Another teammate, junior Megan Fogurty, also tried to express her love for Lovegrove.

"There is so much about her that we loved, she was wonderful," Fogurty said. "She always had a smile and she made other smile with her laughter, her fun and random stories and her cute personality. She always looked on the positive sides of things and that is something you can't honestly say about just anyone."

"She made me want to be a better person. You'd think that since I was older I should be the one setting the example, being the role model, but the truth is that Grace was the one to follow. She was the role model."

Another friend, junior Catton Ball also fondly remembered Lovegrove.

"She brightened the room and her presence just made you want to smile," she said. "Grace was truly one of the most amazing people I have ever met."

"Grace was a joy to have around," Maurer said. "She brought a smile to everyone's face, and even now, many of us are trying to recall the stories about Grace. The stories that

make us smile."

Fogurty remembered one story in particular.

"After away practices, whenever we drove past the Outback on Jefferson, she always said 'I want to go there, I feel like a big steak.' So I said, 'Grace I am taking you there when the season is over and we are going to just pig out.' I took her, and I'm so glad I did."

Fogurty isn't the only one recalling Lovegrove's amazing eating abilities.

One of her hall mates fondly remembered her the Halloween dinner. "She easily made three trips up for more crab legs," she said.

"She loved all types of junk food," Fogurty said, "especially Pop-tarts, Milky Ways and Arties burgers. She could eat anything she wanted and never gain an ounce."

Food isn't the only thing that her friends remember about Lovegrove.

"I remember how excited Grace was about her new job this semester," Browning said. "She was going to be a model for some of the drawing classes. She said she couldn't believe that she was going to get paid to sit there while people drew pictures of her. She was excited, but nervous about having to sit still for that long."

Maurer recalled the week-end before school started this semester. There was a high school track meet hosted in the Freeman Center and Grace came back to school early to help work it.

"Her job was to stand at the finish line and signal to the people at the starting line as to when they could start the next race," he said. "Now lots of people could look at working these



Photo courtesy of Wayne Black

Freshman Grace Lovegrove passed away last Wednesday after suffering from cardiac arrest.

track meets as drudgery and complain about it, but not Grace. She spent the whole time smiling and posing in crazy ways with her flags. She had everyone around her laughing."

Most agree that these are the memories that they will cherish of Grace as they look fondly back at the time they had with her.

"No one could ask any more from a teammate than what Grace had to offer," Scott said, "love, laughter, and the

kind of friendship that can only be found once in a lifetime. She will be deeply missed by everyone."

Now these teammates must look to the future.

"Over the last few days I have come to realize that we really won't be without her on all our runs in the future," Fogurty said. "She will be right there with us, only this time, she'll have wings on her feet."

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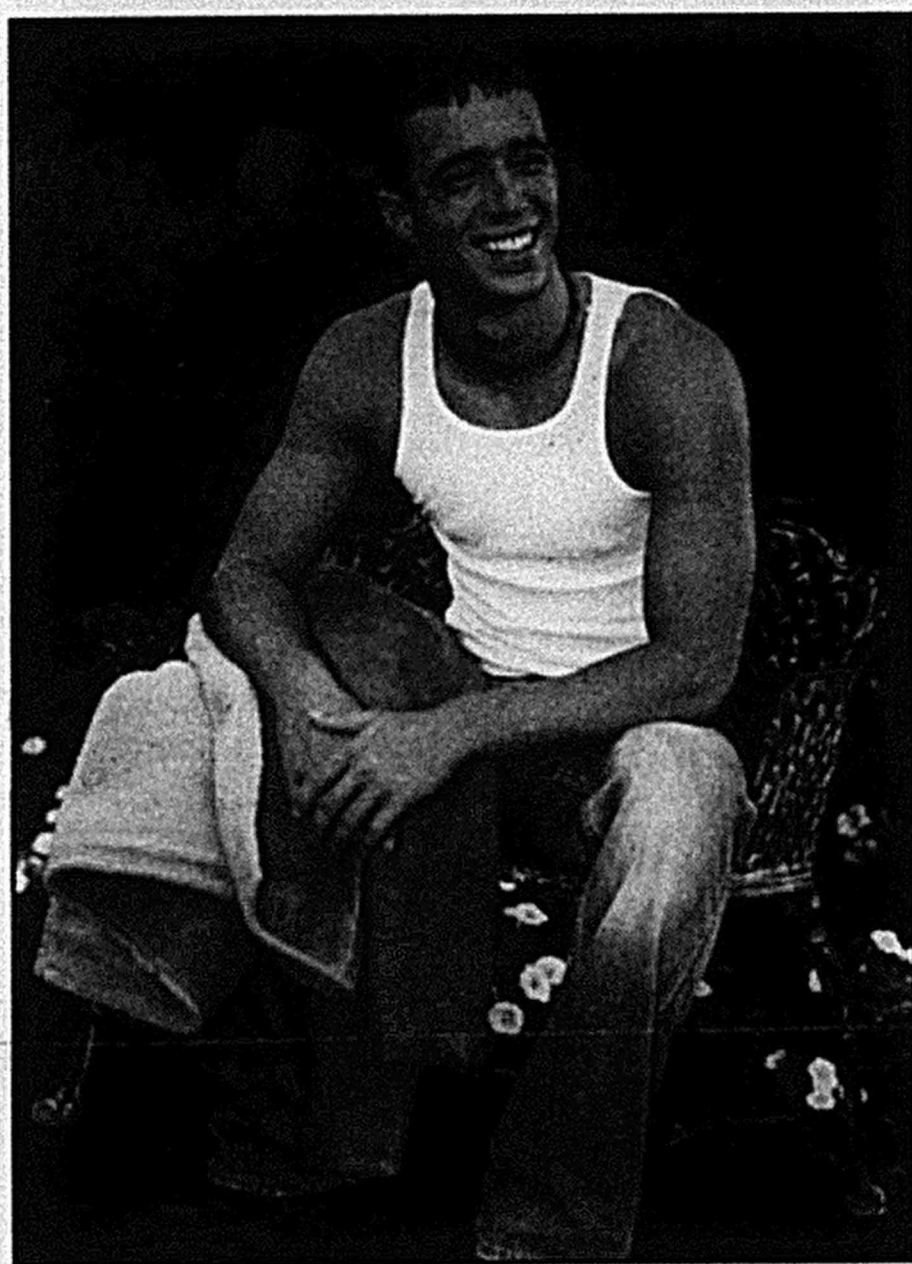


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Junior Jonny Besecker died during a trip to Belgium over spring break.

Student dies on Belgium trip

By ALIYA ALTAFULLAH
Captain's Log Intern

This year's spring break started off on a grief-stricken note as the university mourned the loss of 19-year-old junior, Jonathan "Jonny" Besecker. Besecker died from carbon monoxide poisoning while on a CNU-sponsored group trip to Belgium over the break.

The community was notified when a campus-wide e-mail was sent out shortly after the tragic accident.

A political science major as well as a former member of the track team, Besecker was among a group of 20 students and three faculty members that left for Europe on Feb. 25.

The accident happened around on Feb 28 at 5:30 a.m. at a rental home in Brugge, Belgium.

Three other students including Jamie Naughton, Kevin Orchison and Joe Simons as well as history professor Eric Duskin were also affected by the gas and taken to the local Belgian hospital for treatment. They recovered and were later released.

Junior Steven O'Dwyer attended the Belgium trip and arrived at the house around 8 a.m., (shortly after the accident) with senior Thomas Welch.

"We had no idea what was going on, we just got to the house and it was surrounded by cop cars and ambulances."

Although the Belgian police spoke broken English, O'Dwyer and Welch understood enough to realize the situation. "The cops didn't know who we were, so they couldn't tell us which student it was. We were both in shock and spent the next couple hours at the neighbor's house, not knowing who was still alive."

The cause of the carbon monoxide leak is still pending investigation and the State Department is working with Belgian officials to confirm specifics.

It is still unclear as to what exactly caused the gas to seep into the house.

After Besecker's family was

notified of the tragedy, Dean of Students Donna Eddleman accompanied Besecker's mother to Belgium to make arrangements with the American Embassy.

Funeral services were held on March 8 at the Mt. Moriah United Methodist Church in White Hall, Va.

A memorial service was also held at Effort Baptist Church in Fluvanna County on March 12.

The University provided transportation for students to the service with buses departing from the Freeman Center.

CNU is also holding a memorial service on March 17 at 4 p.m. in the Ferguson Center.

"I don't think a single person could say a bad thing about Jonny," said track member Brandon Miles, sophomore.

"He was so good to everybody. I can take a lot of comfort in knowing that he is up in the heavens, because he truly lived out his faith in God in the way he lived out his life and how unrelentingly genuine he was in showing compassion and care to

every person he came in contact with."

Besecker was a graduate of Fluvanna High School in Palmyra, Va.

He worked in the Admissions Office on campus and was also employed at Abercrombie and Fitch.

Besecker is survived by his mother, Tammy Sue Besecker; stepfather, Troy Zeller; and younger sister, LeAnna Michelle Besecker, as well many other relatives and close friends.

"Jonny was one of the most influential people to me," said friend and track team member, sophomore Matt Weissenborn. "He lived every day to the fullest. He will be greatly missed by everyone."

On April 16, the track team along with the United Campus Ministries are planning to sponsor a race in honor of Grace Lovegrove, who died from cardiac arrest earlier this semester. Now, the race will be a tribute to both students.

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Athletics Dept. photographer dies

By SEAN KENNEDY
Sports Editor

Jerry Zoumplis, a CNU athletics photographer, died on March 7 at his home.

He was 62. Zoumplis worked part time with the Athletics Department for the past two years, designing media guides and doing a wide range of photography for the school.

He was a former Sports Information Director at Hampton University during the late 1970s and owned his own photography company, Two-

Peppers Production.

According to his obituary, he also played the bugle and once taught for the Young Americans Bugle Corps.

He was involved in the Virginia Gentlemen Drum and Bugle Corps as well, his obituary said.

His funeral was held at 2 p.m. at Chestnut Memorial United Methodist Church on Harpersville Road last Sunday.

Graveside service was last Monday at 10 a.m. at Peninsula Memorial Park on Warwick Boulevard.

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Grace Lovegrove scholarship established

By PAUL FROMMELT
Captain's Log Intern

The Grace Meredith Lovegrove Scholarship was officially announced last Friday to honor the freshman cross country and track athlete who died on Jan 12, 2005 after going into cardiac arrest earlier that week.

The Lovegrove family approached CNU with hopes to do something in Grace's name. From that desire came the scholarship.

The first scholarship is anticipated to be awarded for the 2006-2007 school year if the full funds have been raised.

"The scholarship set up by Grace's family is an excellent

way to memorialize her because in her short time with us she truly became a vital part of our 'CNU family,'" said Keith Maurer, coach of cross country and distance track.

"During the last few weeks, her parents often commented how comfortable and 'at home' Grace was with us. While we felt blessed to have had her with us - they felt blessed that Grace had found another supportive and loving family."

According to Vice President of University Advancement Nancy Willson, it has not been decided whether only freshman and student athletes will be eligible and if preference will be given to cross country and track athletes.

"While CNU does not award scholarships for athletics, the Lovegrove family has the choice to give the scholarship to a student athlete that excels in cross country and academics," said Willson.

Lovegrove was on the Dean's List and second team all-USA South in cross country.

The CNU community has rallied to raise funds for the Scholarship. Starting Jan. 25, the Student Government Association will be collecting donations for the Grace Meredith Lovegrove Scholarship in the Student Center Breezeway.

Collections will take place Jan. 25 - 27 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

"The SGA took initiative to

help collect money for the fund at the request of SGA President Melissa Bell," said SGA Treasurer Eric Creasman. SGA Senators and Executive Board members will run the table. All of the money collected will be donated to the scholarship.

"Through this scholarship the memory of Grace will not be lost - but will live on in a way that can benefit others. That actually sounds so much like Grace," said Maurer.

Donations can also be sent to the CNU Advancement Office, Attn: Grace Meredith Lovegrove Scholarship, Christopher Newport University, 1 University Place, Newport News, VA 23606.

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Arts & Entertainment

Jon Page



A look back at this past year

So this is it. I feel like next I should either say, "I've finally found the one," which would go along nicely with that Bryan Adams/Barbara Streisand duet. Another option could be to start playing a Vitamin C song in the background. Remember the one about graduating? That would be the only one to remember.

As much as I could reminisce on bad music for a whole column, there is no more time for that nonsense. Looking back on this year, there are many times where I could have done that column, perhaps none more opportune than this moment right now. Speaking of looking back. ...

What a year it has been. I know I have had some good times, some bad times and some times in between. Really, who isn't like that? I think generally we all have several good times at school, some bad times and a heap of times in the middle.

Getting serious here, which I never do, and am not doing now, there are several things that have shaped my experience at the university this semester, as they have yours. Based on the past several days, I am expecting this to turn into a writing prompt for a class that doesn't exist.

"As we travel through time at university, several events shape our experience. Compose an essay using the literary techniques of humor and satire to chronicle said events."

I would rule as a professor, except for the part where you have to show up to class, grade papers and give writing prompts that sound like they were handed down from a drunk British baron.

Just to get it off my chest, parking services is a tease. Anyone with a spare hundred dollars lying around should put that on a brick. I set a personal best of four (or was it five?) tickets this semester. Fortunately, with rules and regulations no one knows about, this number is sure to rise next year. Thumbs up to you, POS.

How about the double "R" phrase? Retention rate. That is one of those things that is similar to me getting paid: it doesn't happen. We retain students about as well as an 81-year-old grandma high on diuretics retains her urine. Thank you, analogy wizard.

Construction has been happening on campus, but then again poverty has been happening in third world countries for a billion (or so) years now, and nobody seems to care about that.

I will say that I am looking forward to the new library and student center opening. The fun news about that comes when I graduate in May of 2006. Sweet. I mean who would really want to make use of those buildings anyway?

What about Newport News? I hear the crime rate in our fair city is declining, but never fear: where there is good news, there is always bad news.

President Tribble's new home appears appealing. I know I would live there. It might cost me some money, but if I were the president of a University making \$300,000 a year (and yes that is public knowledge; search "salaries" on CNU's home page, and you will find lots and lots of fun tidbits like that). I would probably have enough money to build that house. Even better yet, why not just get a bunch of people to give me money so I can move in for free? Great plans.

Speaking of plans, what is in the future? For me, at least, so it would appear, extra phrase to add another comma, this is my final piece to be in The Captain's Log.

But don't worry; I know my writing is so good that all of my columns will just be re-circulated next year in this paper, except on the front page. The rumors are true; I am better than a baron.

Years in the making Ferguson Center for the Arts opens

Above, the Ferguson Center for the Arts' elegant colonnade at night. Below right, the inside of the Ferguson Center lobby on the night of the Tony Bennett concert that inaugurated the building.

By ANISS BENELMOUFFOK
Contributing Writer

The long stretch of white arches that span the front of the Ferguson Center for the Arts have become as familiar a part of the CNU campus as the geese sculpture in Saunders Plaza.

Phase 1 of construction was completed early on this semester and now Phase 2, which consists of a 1,700-seat theatre, is set to be completed early in the fall semester. As construction progresses, the center will continue to build on the reputation it has already garnered.

The Center for the Arts is progressing quickly. From the memorable grand opening performance by Tony Bennett to the recent performances by Ann Hampton Callaway, Arturo Sandoval and Kevin Eubanks at the 8th Annual Ella Fitzgerald Music Festival, it

is providing a service for the community and the university.

"The Center places students in a professional venue which helps them rise to the occasion," said Dr. Mark Reimer, director of the Department of Music.

Reimer is also in charge of booking shows for the Center. He notes that applications for the Music Department have doubled since Phase 1 of construction was completed.

Marcus Aldridge, a student in the music department, said he is "very pleased with the new building."

"It will attract excellent faculty, which it has already done and that will attract better students," Aldridge said.

The theatre program also performed several performances this season, including "Dancing at Lughnasa," "Romeo and Juliet" and "The Music Man."

"It's incredible the impact [the center] has had on the area, but the impact on the students is more important," said Reimer. "Ferguson without a doubt is the most significant development that has happened to CNU."

The Center for the Arts has sold out several of its shows this semester and already Reimer is looking for shows to book in the coming season.

The \$54 million project is not only a part of the CNU community but is also taking center stage as a staple of the Hampton Roads community.

The center is named after Ferguson Enterprises, which contributed \$2.3 million to the center. The rest of the contributions came from the city of Newport News, which contributed \$5.5 million, and other monies that were contributed by local businesses and community members.



Craig Whisenand/THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

Falk Gallery re-opens in new location at Ferguson Center

By AMBER LESTER
Arts & Entertainment Editor

For the first time since last year's senior art show, the Falk Gallery is again full of student artwork — albeit in a brand new location.

After a semester spent lugging art works across campus, trudging through the mud and moving through the ongoing construction, students in the Fine Arts department are ready to show their work.

"Art in Transition" is an exhibition of the works created during the move into the Ferguson Center for the Arts.

The pieces were chosen by the faculty committee based on the allotted space and how the show ran together, according to Fine Arts Department Chair Professor Betty Anglin.

The theme of "transition" came from the recent move, which was mandated to occur in the middle of the fall semester.

"The whole point was to showcase students' work and let the university community know that our students are serious about their art," she said. "The exhibit shows what the students were doing in the midst of change."

The entries came in a variety of mediums, from sculpture and ceramics to watercolor paintings and glass-works.

The exhibit gave its

viewers an impression of what kind of work the art department is creating in classes.

Perhaps most impressive were the pieces that were less typical than standard paintings or drawings.

Junior Aimee McEvoy created a giant vegetable peeler, while junior Karyn Lance entered her huge pair of glasses.

Despite the time constraints and set-

backs, Anglin feels the art students were able to produce introspective, beautiful work.

"All of us were happily surprised by the thought and self-expression in the works," she said.

Dean Gordon captured the students' persistence during his opening remarks at the reception on Feb. 16.

He compared their struggle to that of the artists who formed the Salon des Refuses after their works were refused by museums. The group included such monumental works as Monet's "Impression: Sunrise" and Manet's "Le Dejeuner sur Herbe."

"Among the important events in art history, there was once a show for a lot of people who could not find room for their work in the Louvre," said Gordon. "They formed the Salon des Refuses. We ought to call this the nearly Refused de Salon."

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The ladies of 'The Vagina Monologues' perform 'My Short Skirt,' a rant against male assumptions.

First-ever 'Festival of Unexpected'

By AMBER LESTER
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The first-ever Festival of the Unexpected, held Feb. 18-19, raised over \$3,600 for Transitions Family Violence Services, a non-profit organization that provides shelter for battered women and children on the Peninsula.

The event, co-produced by TheatreCNU, the CNU Players and Alpha Psi Omega, included three performances of Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues," along with several events continuing the theme of empowering women, such as a women's poetry reading and a self-defense workshop.

The organizers view the festival as a success, but have big goals for the future of the event. Junior Daniel Devlin hopes that the festival will make a name for itself, drawing bigger crowds to "The Vagina Monologues."

"This was, of course, the first year the CNU Players ever tried something as ambitious as a full-blown festival, and we were definitely learning by doing," he said.

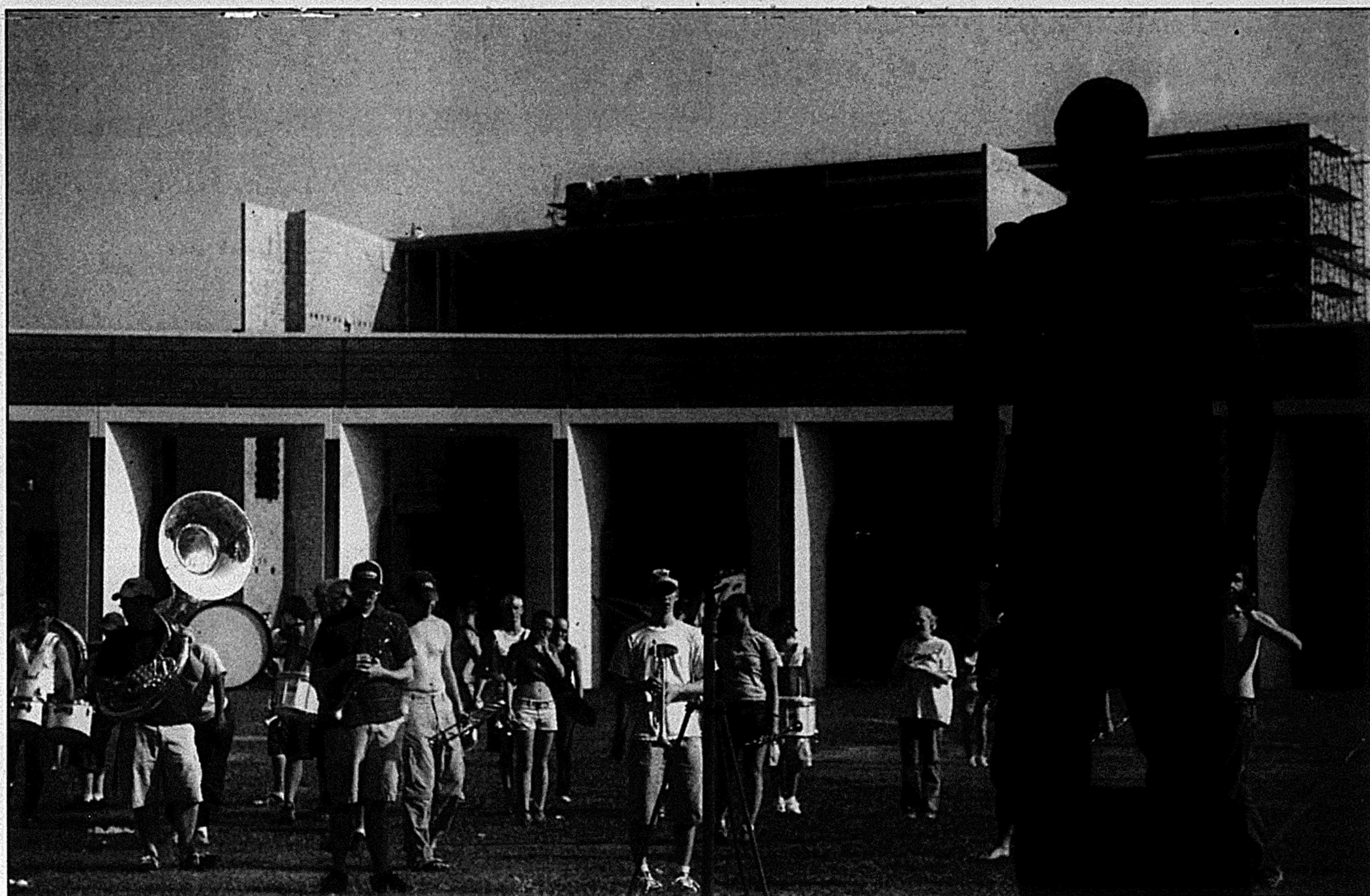
"While the three readings of Vagina Monologues were all very well-attended and liked by the audiences, I would have liked to see more people at other festival events: Nathan Cotter and Soulfinger, the self-defense workshop, the

poetry readings. I think as time passes and The Festival of the Unexpected begins to garner name recognition and becomes an annual event, we will see attendance in all areas of the festival."

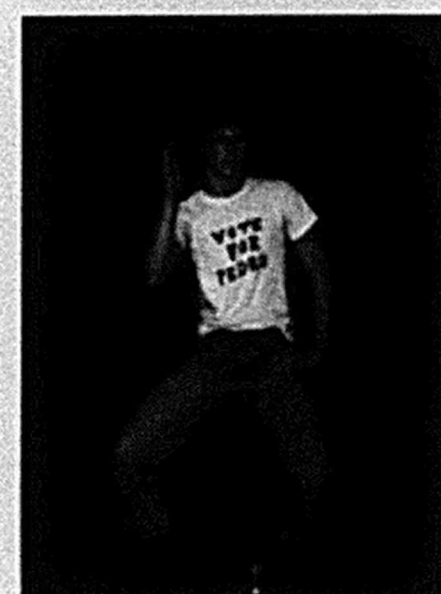
Kosteski hopes the event will become a tradition, fully sponsored by APO, and possibly held again in the Gaines Theatre, where more seats can be sold.

"I think it came together really nicely and I'm really surprised by the success of it," she said. "I hope they continue to do it year after year after year; I don't think it gets old, because the cast rotates. It's a good thing."

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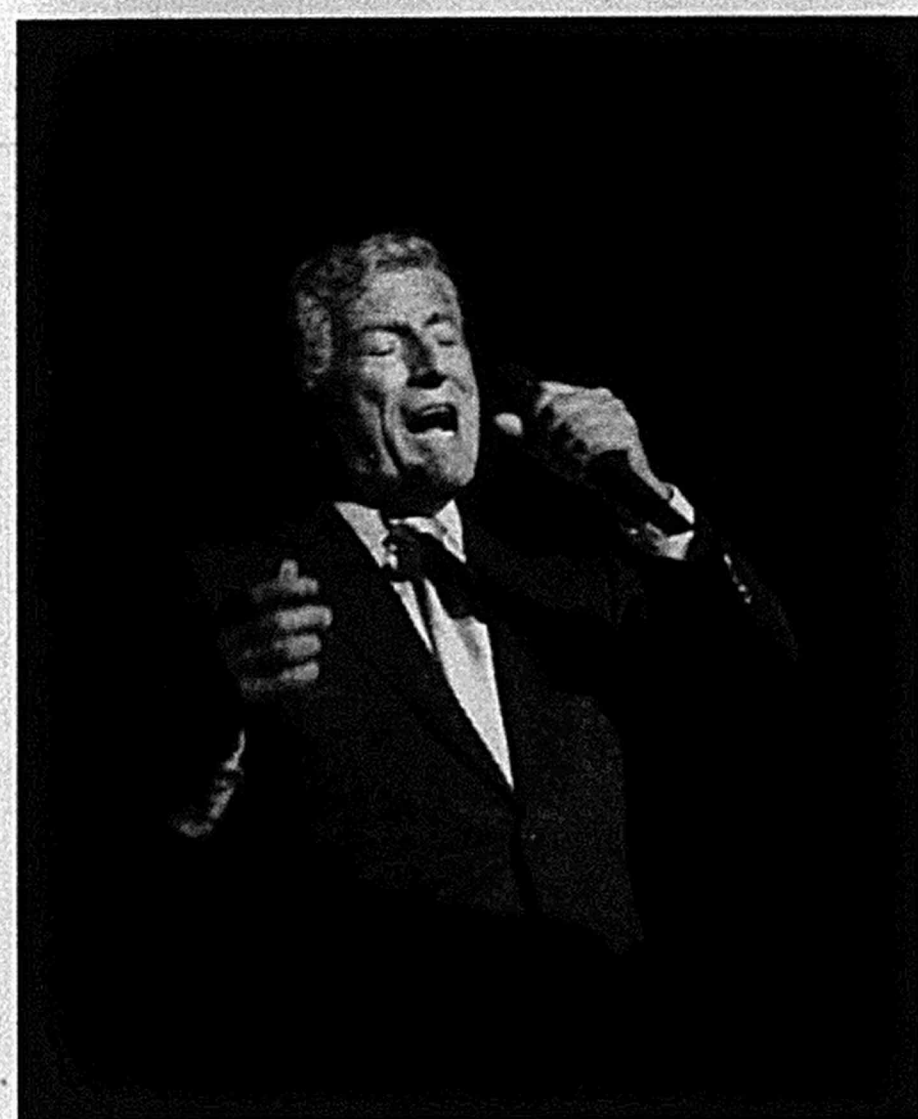
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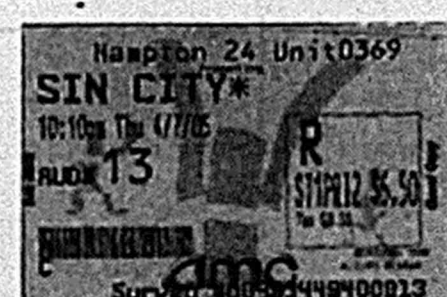
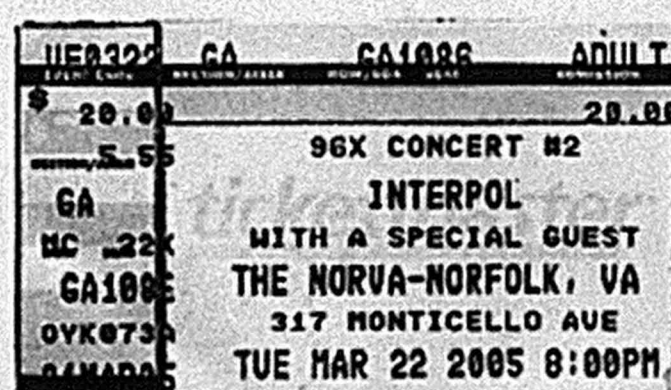
It was a big year in the arts for CNU, and a memorable year of entertainment in Hampton Roads. The CNU marching band, led above by drum major Nii Akwei Adoteye, got off to a fine start with 73 members. Bright Eyes released two albums in January; pictured left is the immensely popular "I'm Wide Awake, It's Morning." The group performed songs off the album at their NorVa concert on Jan. 31. The Virginia Ballet Theatre presented three shows at the Ferguson Center for the Arts in September, performing the ballets "Appalachian Spring" and "Il Distratto." Tony Bennett performed the first concert in the Ferguson Center's Proscenium Theatre, wowing a sold out crowd with classic standards and charming storytelling. Sophomore Nick Huber was lucky enough to meet one of his favorite bands, Interpol, when the goth post-punk band performed at The NorVa in March. Senior Andrew Rosen blew his audience away with his jazz saxophone solos during his senior recital on Feb. 16.

Below, sophomore Gemma Smith and junior Daniel Devlin portrayed the parents of Chad Foreman, who looks on in the background, in "Dancing at Lughnasa." The play was the first performance by TheatreCNU in the new Studio Theatre. In just one semester, Atlas formed, writing songs and booking gigs with such frequency that the campus band now has an ever-growing fan base.

Above, singer-songwriter Howie Day co-headlined a tour with Nickel Creek that made an October stop to the Freeman Center. Day performed his hit "Collide," all the while making strong use of his trusty loop machine. Senior Laura Hayes, a fine arts major, endured moves and delays while working on her senior art show. Finally, 2004 was marked by one memorable name: Napoleon Dynamite. Sophomore Derek Loftis became CNU's own impersonator, performing the film's famous dance sequence at various on-campus events. Heck yes!



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Facebook launches on CNU campus: friending, poking, random groups abound

By AMBER LESTER
Arts & Entertainment Editor

In retrospect, it seems hard to believe that this was the first week of the semester. I can barely recollect my classes or the homework I have already completed; I can remember, however, how many of you I am now linked to through The Facebook (1,216 as of Monday).

Since its Jan. 12 launch date at CNU, The Facebook has swept through seemingly the entire student body. The Facebook is a Web site that functions as an online community for colleges, allowing any student enrolled at the school to join and browse the faces and profiles of their peers.

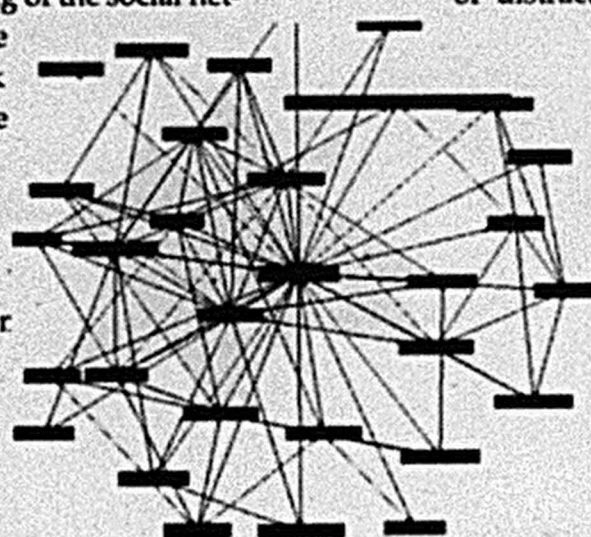
I first heard about Facebook from my friends at the University of Virginia and New York University. "Oh, you HAVE to get it," they would say. "It's the greatest stalking tool ever." Their descriptions seemed interesting,

but I don't think I fully realized the power that now lays a click away. Need someone's cell number? No problem, it's probably on The Facebook. If not, you can always just go to their dorm, or — what the hell — add their Screen name and check their away message. A little creepy? Yes. But that didn't stop the 1,216 of us who are signed up. CNU is one of the safest campuses in the state.

Anyone new to the site automatically spots the "Poke me" function and has to wonder, "How is this properly used?" The assumption is that getting poked and poking back is a fun form of flirtation, but do any of us honestly know what it means? And what happens when we each receive the inevitable poke from a total stranger? Right now, in its earliest stages, Facebook etiquette is a little confusing. To confirm a friend that is really actually just someone you had

study group with freshman year seems better than clicking "reject." Now that's just harsh! And really, isn't this all about building your social network?

Speaking of the social network, make sure to click "Visualize Friends." A handy map pops up, drawing lines from all your variously connected friends. It seems that will always be a person over in the corner who is connected to you and no one else. Don't worry — it's only a matter of time before they will be further connected by another line and continue making the coolest circle/star/abstract line art ever.



It may have been a teensy bit disastrous to have this launch the first week of second semester. Procrastinating was already a problem, but now this is hours of distraction. We're

enthused a Web site that confirms our real life friends are really our friends, and that they have who know our other friends.

What will really be interesting is when people start recognizing others from the Facebook. I will guarantee more than a few double takes as people realize, "Hey, that's the guy from the Dudes Looking for Duettes group!"

As with AIM, Live Journal and Friendster, Facebook is altering the way young people interact. Gone are the days when people actually met in their dorm, chatted a couple times, maybe watched a movie and suddenly were an item.

Forget that; now just click on the name of your dorm and watch as all the potential spooning partners (also check out the multiple spooning groups) appear, each interested in anything from random play to a relationship.

There's a cute guy or girl in your biology lab? One visit to Facebook will tell you if Mr. or Ms. Hottie McHotterson is looking for love or already attached. Personally, I'm waiting for the fallouts, when members go from "in a relationship with ..." to "single." This could bring whole new meaning to "stalker exes."

Facebook is not completely devoted to stalking or random

play, however; it is also a tool for joining ridiculous clubs! The student body of CNU has shown that not only are we excited to find people with common interests, but we're also excited to create hilarious group names.

Talk about bringing a campus closer together: Napoleon Dynamite is possibly the single greatest unifier in the school, aside from hatred for CNU's Internet. Some groups are formed simply on a sentiment, such as my personal favorite, "I'm Only a Freshman but I Already Lost that Penny We're Supposed to Throw in the Fountain when We Graduate."

Whether for good or for evil, Facebook is going to bring us all closer together. And possibly ruin our grade point averages. But, hey, at least we can start a "Facebook Put Me on Academic Probation" group, right?

Issue 13, Jan. 19, 2005

A love/hate relationship with Ashlee

By AMBER LESTER
Arts & Entertainment Editor

I've learned a lot from Ashlee Simpson in the past year. I learned that all boyfriends should possess hair that defies not only gravity, but reason. I learned that brunettes sell more albums their first week than their dim-witted blonde sisters. I learned that as long as my voice is raspy, I could say I'm "punk" and wear checkered Vans with the best of them. And hey, when in doubt, I learned to always, always hoe down.

Following the same format as her older sister's "Newlyweds," Ashlee's show lets viewers see that she is the polar opposite of Jessica — or at least that's what svengali father Joe Simpson wants. Jessica is sugar

and spice, sings pop music and wears pink. Ashlee is a rebel! And occasionally wears pink (when she's not busy layering everything she owns to get that indie-punk-princess look down pat!) They're SO different!

Needless to say, I was excited to tune into the new season. Much has happened since we last saw her — she bought a new house, she broke up, fell in love, broke up, and fell in love with beau Ryan Cabrera, she managed to have one of the most embarrassing moments in recent memory on Saturday Night Live and she angered enough football fans at the Orange Bowl to get booed off the stage. The genius of the show is the portrayal of Ashlee as "just a regular girl." Sure, she may be a singer, traveling to New York to partake in room

service and mess up her life during one botched performance on "Saturday Night Live," but more than that, she's a daughter, a sister, a girlfriend and a friend.

Tonight's episode will show the truth behind the dorky dance and lip sync seen around the world. Finally the answers will be revealed. Was she really unable to speak that day? Was it her drummer's fault? Was it her acid reflux?

Was it the fact she could never sing in the first place? I can't wait to find out.

Issue 15, Feb. 2



50 Cent gives Tribble a run for his money

By PAUL FROMMELT
Captain's Log Intern

Poor Newport News. We're just a small little town that's constantly over-shadowed by Williamsburg and Virginia Beach. But chin up, Newport News, we have a new thing to be proud of: 50 Cent wants to rob us all blind and then viciously murder us.

In the song, "Ski Mask Way" on his new album, 50 recounts a touching tale of looting New York City un-

til, one day, he finds out that the government is on to him. "Who's dat peepin' in my window / Wow / The feds on me now," laments Mr. Cent.

So basically, 50 Cent will be coming down to take our "rims" and "bling," but I'm not worried. Somebody already has control of Newport News. I'm sorry 50, but Newport News is already run by Paul Tribble. Now Senator Tribble and CNU's administration (nicknamed Trib-Unit) should not be taken lightly. While 50 Cent steals bling, CNU takes peoples houses to build baseball fields.

I can imagine 50 Cent coming to CNU. He'll be low-riding down the Avenue of the Arts and get stuck in the roundabout. When he finally finds his way onto campus, he's not going to

be able to find a parking spot.

After a long trek through the "projects" of the new Student Center construction, he'll find his way to Potomac River. 50 will be stopped at the front desk of Potomac River, because he doesn't have a Student ID. While searching for some form of identification, 50 will pull a bottle of Cristal out of his backpack and it'll be all over. A pack of RAs dressed in SWAT uniforms will converge on him and send him to the University Police. Sorry 50, but CNU is dry, so you'll have to enjoy your Cristal off campus.

So the next time you pass 50 Cent raking up leaves next to Santoro, remind him that Trib-Unit runs Newport News and our rims are safe to spin in peace.

Issue 20, March 23

Restaurant review re-cap

Over the 2004-2005 school year, I have dined and reviewed a number of different restaurants in the Hampton Roads area.

Here's a quick summary of the places I've gone, the number of stars I give them (out of five) and three of the restaurant's best/worst characteristics ...

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| 1. 99 Main
*** (fancy, impersonal, overpriced) | 5. Joe's Crab Shack
*** (fun, lakeside, crab balls) | 9. County Grill & Smokehouse
**** (good deals, appetizing, cornbread) |
| 2. Cheese Shop of Williamsburg
***** (cozy, delicious house dressing) | 6. Captain George's
**** (reasonable, worth it, all-you-can-eat crablegs!) | 10. Mahi Mah's
***** (gorgeous, ocean-front, delightful) |
| 3. Joe & Mimma's
* (welcoming, bland, not authentic) | 7. Nawab
***** (authentic, appetizing, filling) | 11. Port Arthur
*** (convenient, friendly, who doesn't love Chinese?) |
| 4. El Mariachi's
***** (friendly, affordable, salsa) | 8. The Sandbar
***** (entertaining, inexpensive, all-American) | 12. Tropical Smoothie Café
***** (yummy, expensive, addicting) |

By ALIYA ALTAFULLAH
Captain's Log Intern

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MEMORIES

It was a year to remember in sports, full of utter surprise and bitter disappointment.



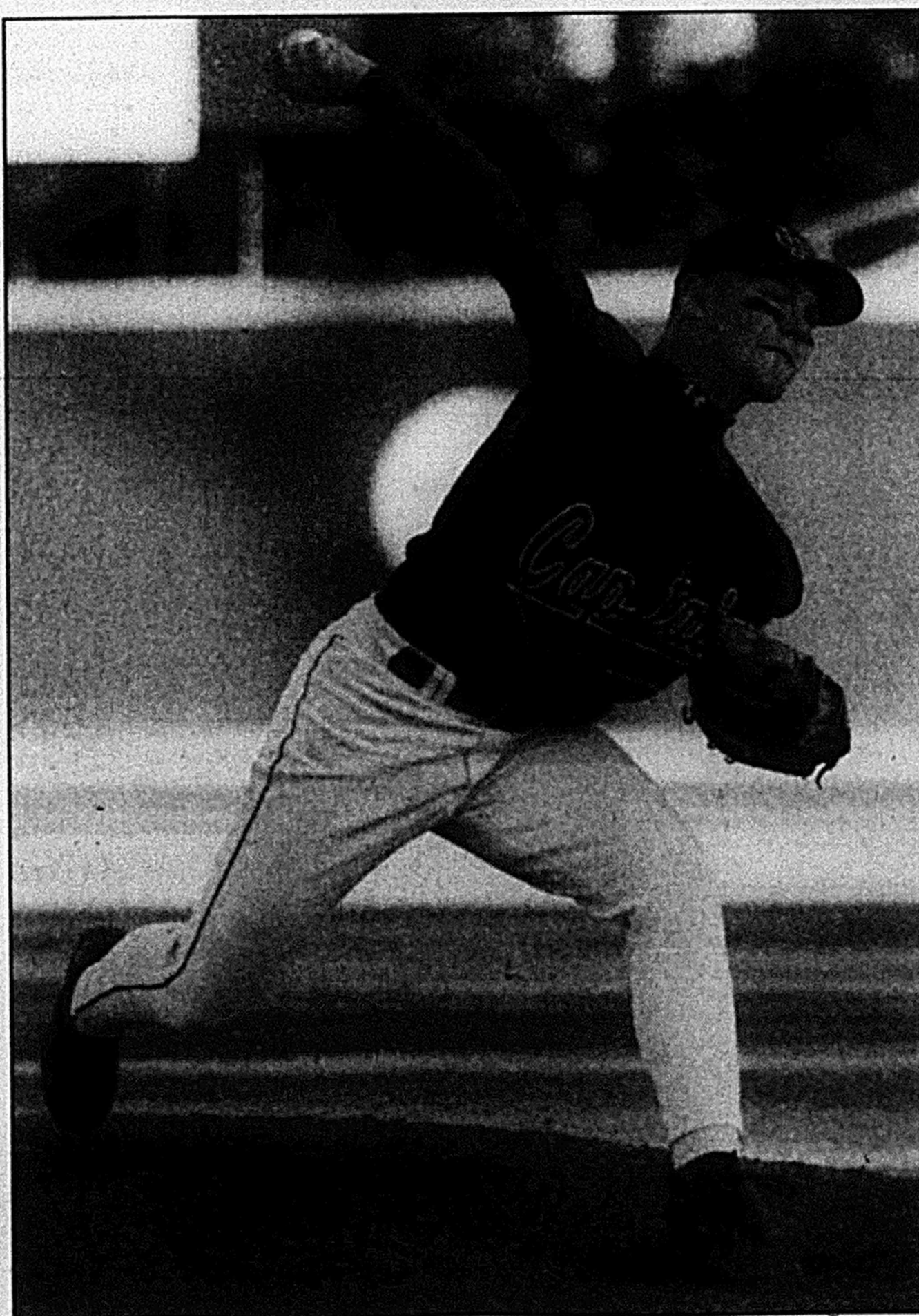
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Junior Sally Allstadt brings the ball up against Catholic on March 13. The Lady Captain's lost the game 12-11. The team finished the year with a 7-8 record and 5-0 in the USA South Conference. Coach Kwame Lloyd was named the conference's coach of the year. The team lost to Shenandoah in the conference tournament's semifinals for the second straight year. This season, the team fell 15-11 on Saturday.



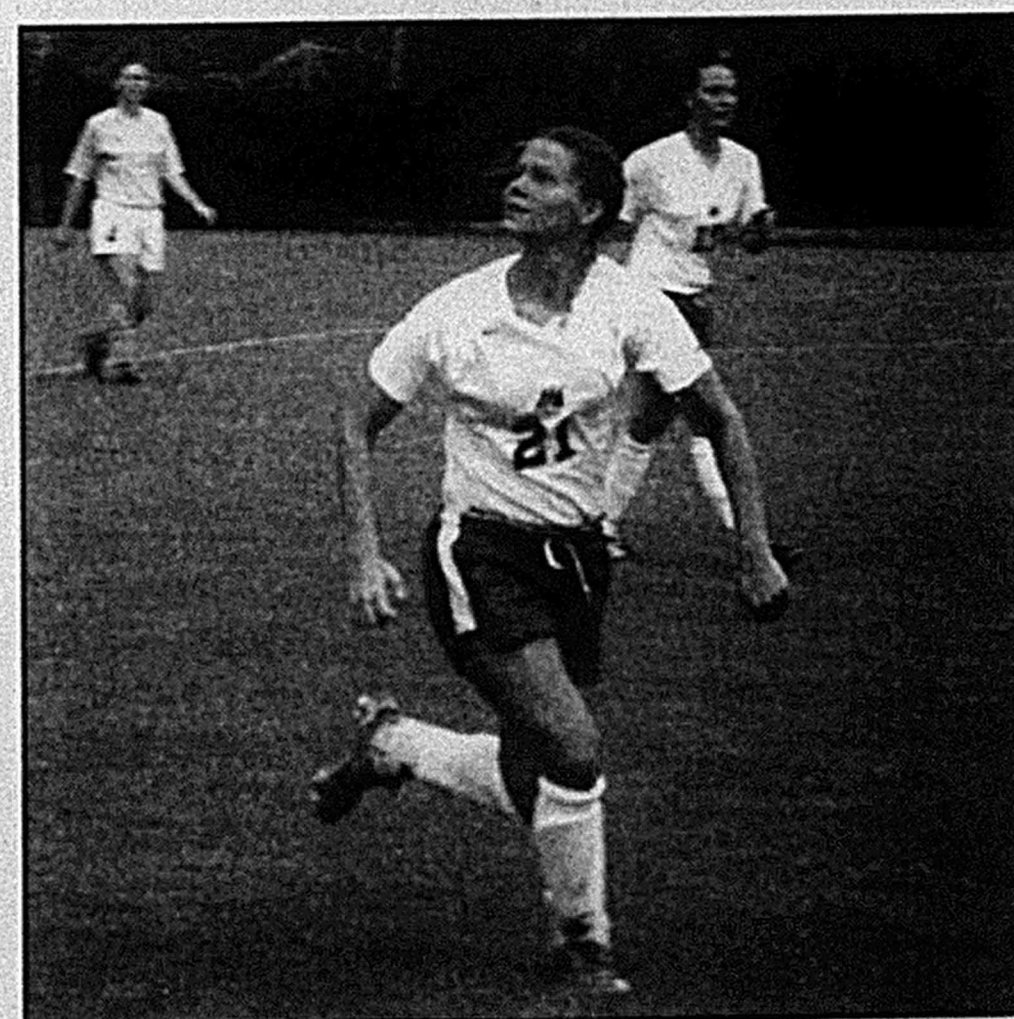
Top: Sophomore running back/wide receiver George Jones runs over Averett linebacker Kelvin Hutcheson Nov. 6 during the Captains' 41-14 victory over the Cougars. The football team finished the year with the best record in team history as the Captains tied for the conference crown for the fourth year in a row, and headed to the NCAA tournament for the fourth straight year.

Right: Freshman pitcher Kenny Moreland hurts a pitch toward Frostburg St. in his first appearance of the year. Moreland led the Captains with a 1.27 ERA and was named the USA South rookie of the year. The Captains finished 23-1 and 10-7 in the USA South.



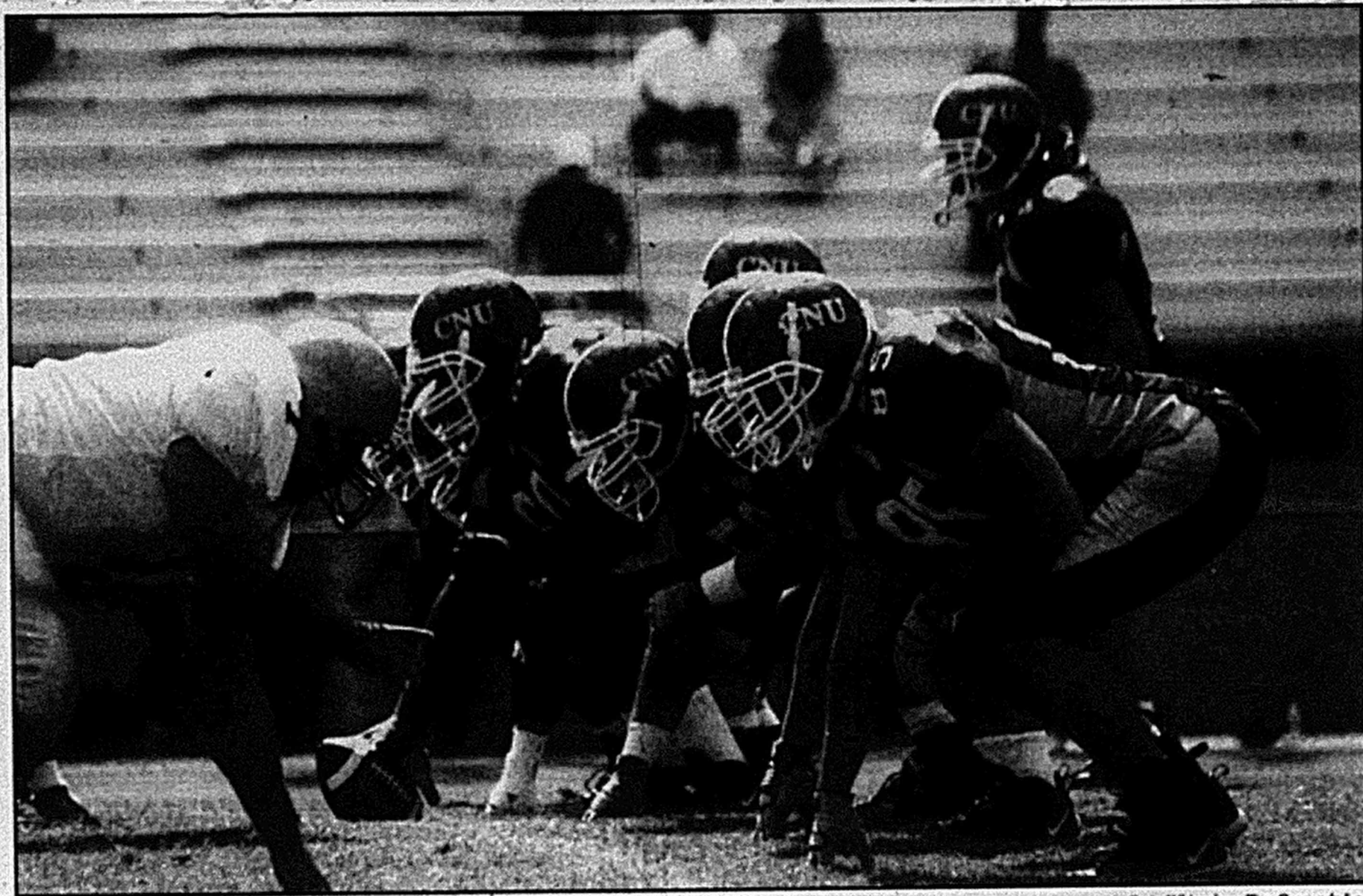
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There were broken records, new stars, veteran stalwarts. Vince Brown announced his retirement while the ice hockey team is just getting started. It was a year to remember.



Sean Kennedy/The Captain's Log

Above: Junior Asleigh Dola searches for the ball in the air Sept. 18 against Salisbury. The Lady Captains won the game 3-0. Dola was named the USA South player of the year for the second straight season as the team went 16-4-3 and 7-0 in the conference, finishing with the most wins in team history. The team advanced to the Elite Eight, but was defeated by Wheaton 4-0 on Nov. 20.



The Captains' offensive line preps to go into action against Bridgewater on Sept. 26. CNU won 21-16 on the strength of the MVP performance of sophomore QB Hudson Bryant.

An Oyster Bowl win

The Captains beat 18th-ranked Bridgewater at the annual Oyster Bowl

By SEAN KENNEDY
Sports Editor

The Captains defeated the 18th ranked Bridgewater Eagles Saturday at the Oyster Bowl, elevating their record to 2-1 on the season. Bridgewater fell to 2-2.

Sophomore quarterback Hudson Bryant was named Oyster Bowl MVP after going 10-16 for 201 yards with two touchdowns. Both touchdowns were to junior Nathan Davis: a 36-yard strike in the second quarter and a 76-yard catch and run in the third. The 36-yarder was a thing of beauty as Davis caught the ball despite having three defenders covering him.

"He made a play that was as good as I've ever seen a receiver make," said head coach Matt Kelchner.

The 76-yarder was caught by Davis at about the 50-yard line and he did the rest with his feet as he outraced the defense to the end zone.

"It was just a read," said

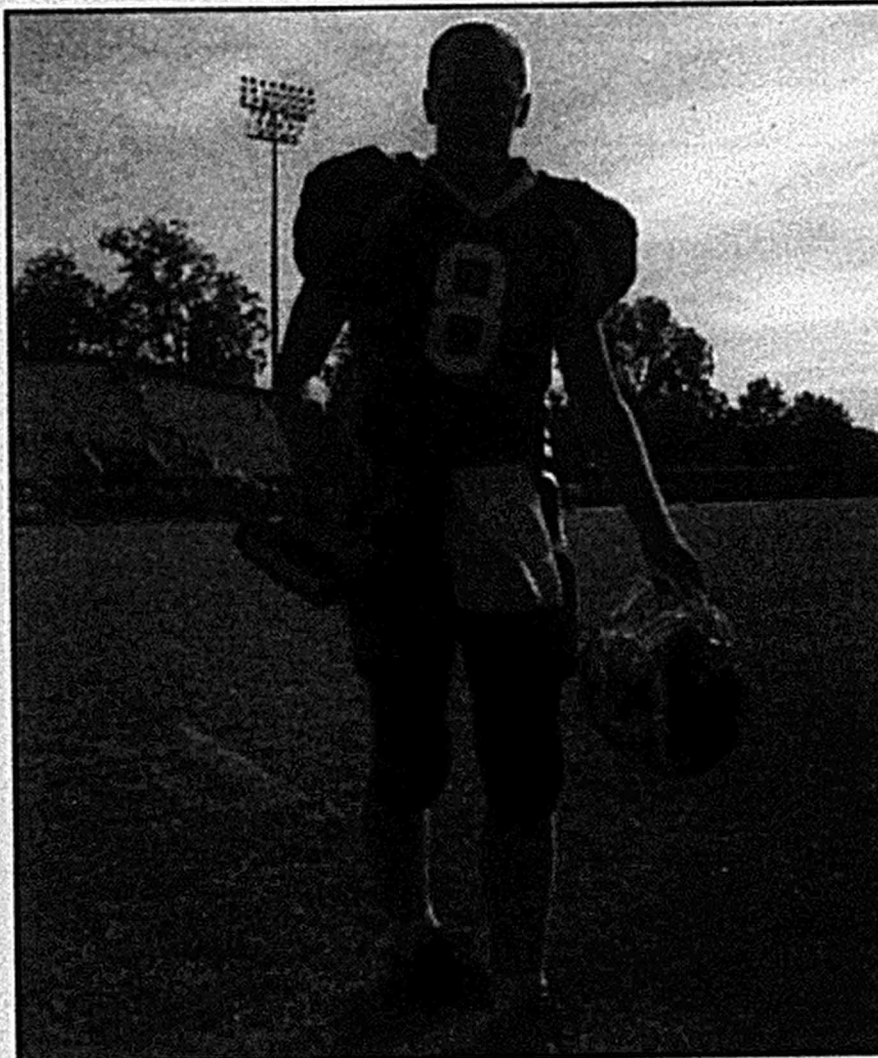
Davis. "We had an original play that we checked off from to another one. It was a no-signal read; we got up there and saw tight coverage and we were both on the same page."

After a scoreless first quarter, CNU took the lead in the second quarter when junior Kareem Morse returned a Bridgewater fumble 25 yards to pay dirt. After junior Jason Broskie's PAT, the Captains were up 7-0. On the ensuing Bridgewater drive, senior David Briggs intercepted Eagles quarterback Brandon Wakefield in the end zone to end the drive. CNU went up 14-0 after Bryant hit Davis for the 36-yard TD late in the second quarter and Broskie hit his second PAT of the day.

Bridgewater got their first points of the game in the third quarter when David Blackwell hit a 35-yard field goal to give the Eagles three points.

By the third quarter, CNU was in full "run out the clock" mode. Unfortunately for the Captains, Bridgewater wasn't giving up.

After a three-and-out midway through the third quarter, Bridgewater was able to block a Hudson Bryant punt and Eagle linebacker Cameron Garvin ran it back for a touchdown. The two-point attempt run failed, but the Eagles were able to pull



Sophomore Hudson Bryant was named the MVP of the Oyster Bowl.

within five points, 14-9.

After another three-and-out, CNU was able to answer back on their next drive with perhaps their biggest play of the game: the 76-yard pass to Davis which put the Captains ahead 21-9 with six seconds remaining

in the third quarter.

The game was still very much in the balance throughout the fourth quarter. Wakefield scored on a three-yard scramble with just under five minutes re-

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Track headman retiring

Coach leaving after 25 years on the job

By CATHRYN EVANS
Captain's Log Intern

Upon walking into his office, his trophies are one of the first things that people notice. They are everywhere: on walls, shelves and covering half of his desk. The walls and desk only showcase some of his championships won over the past 25 years.

Vince Brown has led the track and field program to countless successes including 12 national championships and numerous Mason-Dixon Conference Championships.

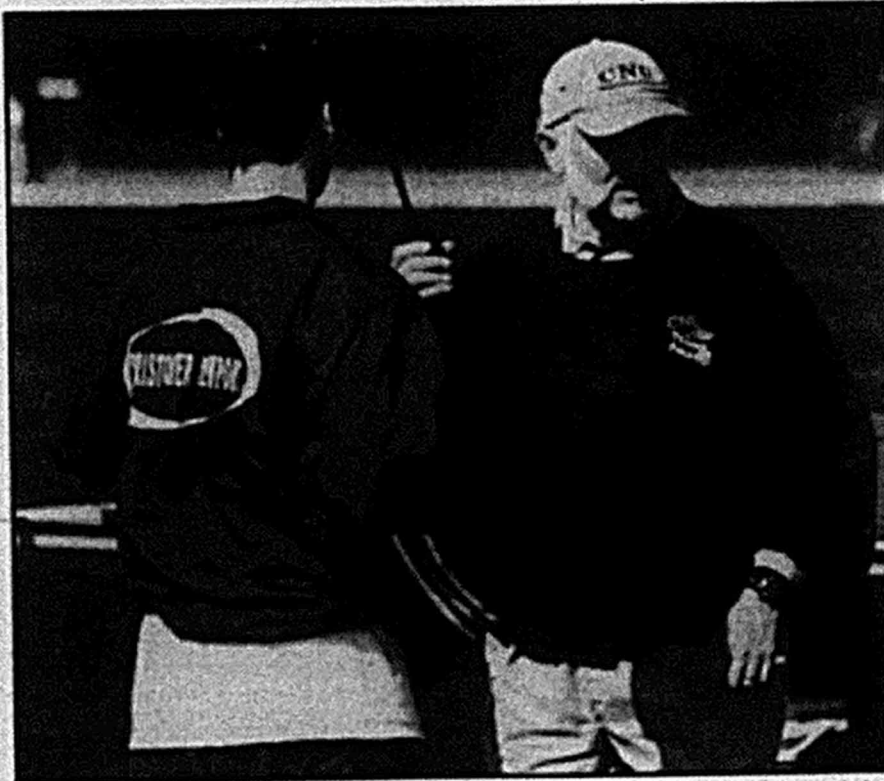
"Too many to count," Brown said.

In less than six months, Vince Brown, CNU Track and Field Coach, will be packing everything into boxes and closing the office door for the last time. When outdoor track season is over, Brown will be leaving the university.

Brown has recruited some of the greatest athletes in Division III to Christopher Newport University. CNU has produced 61 individual and relay national championships and 444 All-American awards won by over 70 different athletes.

"I am going to miss working with him. I hope he enjoys his retirement," said Louis Johnson, Assistant Track Coach with concentration in sprints. He has known Brown for close to 20 years. "He has taught me a great deal about track and life itself."

Brown is a graduate of Emory & Henry College and began his coaching career at Chilhowie



Coach Vince Brown instructs sophomore Michael Dom during the Captains Classic.

High School, a single-A school in Chilhowie, Va., in 1966 where he was head coach of track. Brown was there for three years and coached JV Basketball while he was a varsity track coach.

"I tried them all but I prefer track, it's my first love," said Brown.

He coached one year at Blacksburg High School before becoming an assistant coach for Virginia Tech from 1970 to 1976. In 1976, Brown moved to coach track and field and cross-country programs at Hampton High School.

Brown graduated from Hampton High School in 1961. He remembers his senior year there when his school won the State Championship. In 1976, Brown was guidance counselor at Hampton High as well as head coach. While at Hampton High in 1979, Brown brought his old high school back to the state championships for the second time.

"It was exciting to go back

and the school placed second in States," said Brown.

Brown joined the CNU staff in 1980 and has been coaching here ever since.

At the time it was only part time and paid \$1,000 per year. So he coached the track program here while continuing as a guidance counselor at Hampton High School.

Two years later he came to work at CNU full time.

Brown was inducted into the CNU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1991. He was honored for winning six straight women's national titles and also won National Coach of the year. Prior to 1991, he already had developed 154 All American Awards, a third of his current record.

"Coach Brown's record only speaks half the truth of who he really is," said senior Matt MacDonald. "He cares about his athletes and always stresses the importance of academics."

He has been honored with

many regional and national coach of the year awards. Brown has won many awards recognizing his achievements with the Captains.

His wife Norma retired on Jan. 1. She was interim vice president in charge of development for CNU. He and his wife plan on taking time to travel extensively. In the past, Norma had worked 12 months of the year while he had summers off, so traveling was much more difficult.

"I haven't taken a look just yet but I'll see what catches my fancy," said Brown.

The look of the school has changed from when Brown first started here. In 1980, there were two sports facilities at CNU: a soccer field (where POMOCO Stadium currently is) and Ratcliffe Gym. There were only five hurdles, one shot put and one discus.

"We have so much more now, we have an outdoor track and the fantastic Freeman Center," said Brown. "Looking back shows how much we have grown since then."

Brown says that doesn't think he'll coach much anymore after he retires, but he may try doing meet management to put together track meets.

Brown and his wife plan on becoming members of the Life Long Learning Society at CNU, a program that allows retirees to take courses in a variety of subjects.

"When you've experienced so much it's difficult to narrow it down to just one [favorite memory]," says Brown. "I consider myself very fortunate to spend 25 years here. It really only seems like five years, everything kind of runs together after a while."

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The starter went down, forcing Bryant into play

The former backup quarterback plays up to par

By ERIN EUDY
Managing Editor

When senior Phillip Jones, the Captains' starting quarterback, sprained his knee in the second game of the season, some thought that the chance for another conference title was over. However, junior Hudson Bryant pulled through, showing that there was no need to fear. He took over the position of starting quarterback and has remained there ever since.

"It wasn't too big of a thing taking over that position because I knew that my teammates believed in me," Bryant said. "I just went out there and played."

Jones is still recovering from his injury and hopes to start playing again soon. Throughout his recovery, Jones has remained active with the team, attending all of the games and practices. "He's getting better every day," Bryant said.

Since Jones is a senior, Bryant will take on the position of starting quarterback once again in the next season.

Bryant began playing football his freshman year of high school. He was a quarterback for the junior varsity team for one year, and then moved on to quarterback for the varsity team for the next three years. A well-rounded athlete, he also played basketball in the winter and baseball in the spring. "I just had to have something to do all the time," he said. "I couldn't just go home after school each day; I needed sports."

Bryant is from Franklin, Va. He chose to come here for a few reasons. The first was the excellent football program. "I met the coaches during recruiting," Bryant said. "They were awesome and are definitely the best coaches I have ever worked with."

"I also wanted to come here because it was close to home,"

he said. "My parents came to all my games in high school and I wanted to make sure that they would be able to when I played here, too. They've been to every home game since my freshman year."

Bryant also said that he was very close to his family and that they were always very supportive of him playing sports. "My dad used to play football," he said, "but he never pushed me to. I just did it because I wanted to."

Bryant is an economics major and he says that after college, he will probably do something with statistics. "I might be a financial advisor or something like that," he said. "But I really don't know for sure yet, it's really all up in the air right now."

Although Bryant is a junior, he is only a sophomore on the football field because during his freshman year, he only played at the very end of games that they were winning. This means that he will be able to play college football for five seasons, instead of the usual four if he wishes. Bryant plans to play every season he can, but he says once he finishes his last one, that will be the end of his football career. "People tell me I could go on to coach ball or something," he said. "But I really don't want to, that's just not my thing."

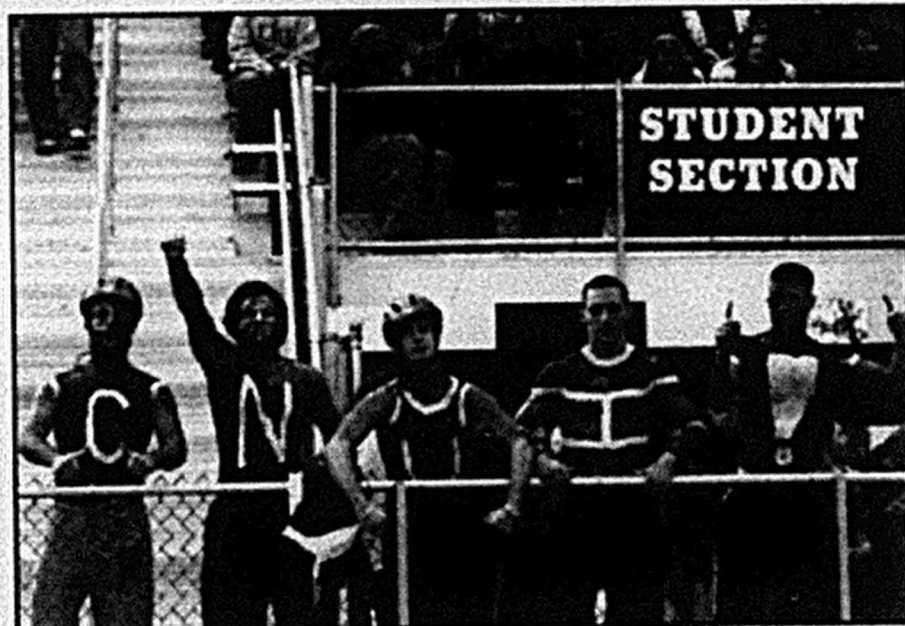
Despite the fact that Bryant will only be playing football for a few more years, he is determined to enjoy every minute of it. "All of the guys on the team are great players and good friends," he said. "We all work as hard as we can and we all play as a team. I love it."

His teammates agree with his opinion and share respect for his playing skills. "Hudson is a hard worker who knows how to get the job done," former football player junior Ryan Bonos said.

Bryant says that if there is any advice he can give to young athletes it is to never give up. "Don't get down, just keep playing," he said.

"It is worth it in the end, the fun you have and the friends you make are definitely worth all of the hard work."

Issue 7, Oct. 20, 2004.



Spirited fans cheer during the homecoming game against Ferrum.

Another perspective on a Captain's football game

By EMILY SOMMERFELDT
Contributing Writer

With 10 seconds left in the fourth quarter, a timeout was called by the Captains. As the clock started, the Captains, having possession of the ball, ran a safety, gaining a free kick. Down to three seconds remaining on the clock, McDaniel's players received the kickoff from the Captains, but were unable to reach the goal line, ending with a final score of 18-15, a victory for the Captains.

I didn't write that. My name is the one in the byline, but those first three sentences I owe to the collaboration of a few football fans present during the writing of this commentary.

Sports are not my forte, but I enjoy going to the occasional sporting event decked out in blue, silver, and white. As I sat through the recent game of CNU vs. McDaniel, I was particularly overjoyed by my family's selection of seats. My seat was near the back, meaning considerably less people could see the confusion on my face or hear me repeatedly ask, "What just happened?" Also, the view wasn't too shabby, but view and an understanding of the game are completely different things. Perhaps you are thinking,

"What right does this girl have to write a story about the Captain's win, especially with her lack of understanding of football?"

"This girl" would have to agree with you.

If I were one of the Spice Girls, I wouldn't be Sporty Spice, but I go to sporting events to have a good time. Your definition of a good time might be analyzing the plays or yelling at the refs, but mine is sitting with friends who join me in clapping, singing and cheering.

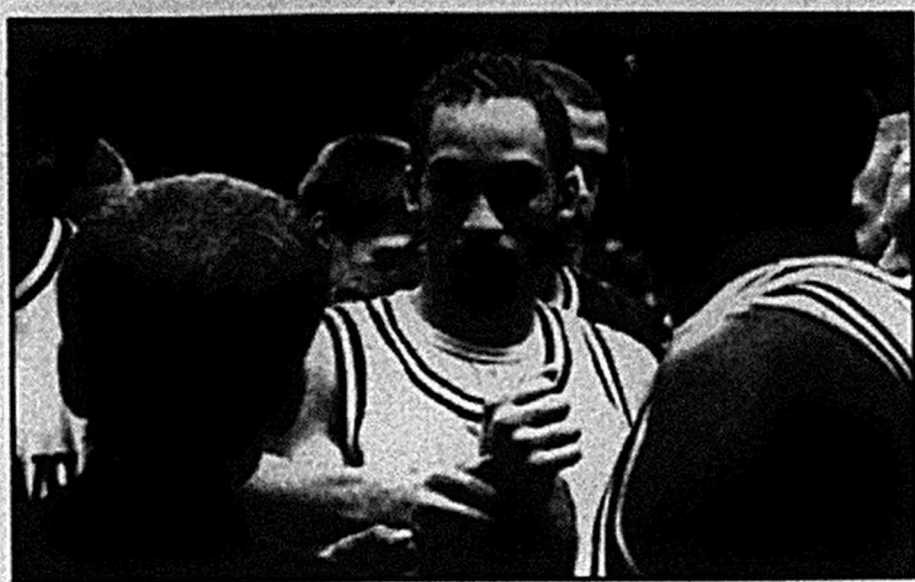
And that's exactly what I did at CNU's most recent win. Do I understand why I suddenly stood up and shook my pom-pom or started singing the CNU fight song? Yes - because everyone else was doing it. Why does it matter if I understand the game?

Comprehending a play or sipping on a Pepsi, I'm supporting the team either way.

Besides, the more games I attend, the more I begin to learn the system.

During the first quarter, the Captains made the first touchdown, but missed the field goal. McDaniel moved ahead in the beginning of the third quarter with a touchdown and field goal, but the Captains scored a second time.

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Senior Brandon Brooks huddles up with teammates during a Jan. 26 win over Averett.

Men's basketball comes up disappointed at the end

The team has a quarterfinals loss to N.C. Wesleyan

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The men's basketball team had a memorable season of ups and downs. This will be a season the players and coach C.J. Woollum will not soon forget. The Captains learned from their struggles (for the better part of the first half of the season) and went on to finish the regular season strong. The Captains finished the regular season with an overall record of 18-8, 8-4 in the USA South conference.

The season ended with a disappointing 82-69 loss to N.C. Wesleyan in the quarterfinals of the USA South tournament on Feb. 24. The Captains finished the regular season on a five-game winning streak only to lose in the first round of the USA South tournament to N.C. Wesleyan. Still, the Captains did not suffer an entirely disappointing season.

The Captains began the in-conference season going 2-4. Although it was a disappointing start, the team was able to pick up its play to finish strong, going 6-0 inside the conference and winning six of their last eight games.

Two key wins down the stretch were against the top seed Methodist College and against Greensboro College on Feb. 19 and Feb. 20, respectively.

Woollum said the Captains' loss at Chowan mid-season was an important learning experience.

"A light bulb went off after the Chowan loss. It took a while for the players to get together, but we have some serious athletes on this team."

After this loss, the Captains seemed to gain momentum and went on to win their next five games.

The Captains had a season average of 76.2 points a game, while holding their opponents to only 68.8 points a game.

This season, the Captains' overall record of 18-8 was second in Division III inside the state of Virginia, with only Va. Wesleyan (who moved on to play in the NCAA tournament) having a better record at 24-6.

Every game that the Captains played during this season was a learning experience. "There's not a 'gimme' game in this league," said Woollum on the toughness of different teams in the conference.

The team gained momentum with key home games won against Averett and Shenandoah to take on the big dog, first place and undefeated Methodist.

Junior Roderic Carey led the Captains in rebounding, averaging 8.3 per game, while junior Jeremy Romeo led the team in scoring, averaging 14.1 points per game. Senior Blake Brookman led the team in assists with 175 and 43 steals.

Sophomore Korey Lewis led the Captains in blocks with 31 on the season. Senior Steven Murrer had a double-double in the Captains win against Methodist on Feb. 19, with 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Key player production allowed the Captains to take over the conference and show their strength to go 6-0 to end the regular season.

The Captains will have to make key adjustments during the off-season with seniors Blake Brookman and Steven Murrer graduating.

However, the Captains will benefit from returning players coming back and having a fresh start next season.

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The Lady Captains are thrown out of the conf. tourney

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The Lady Captains hosted Methodist on Feb. 22 for the first game of the 2004-2005 USA South Women's Basketball Conference Tournament. The Lady Captains lost to the Monarchs 51-60 and finished their season 10-16 overall and 7-7 in the USA South.

Their game lacked focus, which seemed to be a repeat from throughout the season.

Sophomore Candace Bryant received four personal fouls in the first half. To prevent her from fouling out of the game, coach Carolyn Hunter pulled her from the game early.

"I was mad at myself for putting the team in that position. When I returned to the game I was taken advantage of because they knew I wasn't going to play as aggressive as usual, [in fear of getting another foul]. I could hear the other coach telling her players to go for me because I was playing back," said Bryant.

Bryant scored 14 points despite not playing in the game for as long as she might have been used to. Fouls held the Lady Captains back and allowed the Monarchs to score 28 points on free throws.

Senior Christen Snyder was one of the highest scoring players for the Monarchs but all of her points were on free throws. Snyder made 12 out of 13 free throws attempted. Sophomore Stacy Williams led Methodist with 11 rebounds. Methodist shot 84.8 percent from the free-throw line for the game, but they only shot 15-44 (34.1 percent) from the field.

Methodist started off strong with a tight defense, making it difficult for the Lady Captains to move the ball up court. In the first half, CNU was kept at a standstill with only 16 points for over six minutes. With 1:33 left in the half, senior Chazzy Morris broke through with a free throw shot to bring the score to 17-18.

At halftime, the score was 19-20.

Sophomore Jess Hutt came out of halftime determined to make some points to bring up CNU's score. She shot 4-8 (50 percent) on three pointers and had a total of 19 points, a game high. Hutt also had four steals



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Sophomore Samantha Davis brings the ball upcourt against a Shenandoah defender on Feb. 2's 87-78 win in the Freeman Center.

and three assists.

"In the first 15 minutes, I can honestly say they were scared, but when there was such a long time when we didn't score they took control. It will be really hard to have them play on our courts for the semifinals," said Hutt.

Morris played tight defense against the Monarchs and fouled out of the game with 31 seconds left. Morris finished her last season at CNU averaging 6.7 points per game, and 5.5 rebounds per game.

Bryant and sophomore Samantha Davis both received Second Team All-Conference honors from the USA South Conference.

Coach Carolyn Hunter finished her seventh season as head coach with 124 total wins. She is one game away from tying former CNU coach Susan Walthall for the second most wins in school history.

"I'm disappointed in the young team; they lost focus and weren't aggressive enough when going towards

the basket," said Hunter. "We will use the off-season to go to the gym and work on getting stronger. The refs played a big part [against Methodist]; unfortunately we had a lot of fouls called on us."

The Freeman Center was the host for the conference tournament this year. The semifinals were held Feb. 25. Peace lost to Greensboro 60-66 and Methodist beat Ferrum 66-59. Greensboro eventually won the tournament.

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maining in the game to put the Eagles within five points, 21-16. The Captains defense would let them score no more.

CNU punted on the ensuing drive after the Wakefield touchdown, giving Bridgewater an opportunity to drive the ball down the field and score. They got ball on the 20-yard line after a touchback on the punt. Wakefield completed a pass to Brian Awkard for 11 yards, then on the next three plays Wakefield attempted three more passes to Awkard, all incomplete. On fourth down, Wakefield was

sacked by senior defensive end Ian Vincent, his second sack of the day.

All that was left for Bryant to do was to kneel down three times to run the clock out and give CNU its second win of the season.

Notes: Bryant started the game over normal starter senior Phillip Jones, who was out with an injury.

"With Hudson, you have to build a relationship, so everything is always new ... that kid's future is bright here," said senior Tommy Fitzgerald.

Jones is expected to start again as soon as he is healthy.

This is the second time in four years that the Captains have played in the Oyster Bowl. The Captains defeated Ferrum in 2001, 14-11.

The Bridgewater punt returner Brian Awkard is ranked fourth in the nation with a 20.3 average.

CNU's answer? Give him no opportunity to return a punt — he had no returns on the day.

Bryant, who also punted, did a superb job of keeping the ball out of the hands of the Bridgewater special-teams ace. Broskie made all three PATs after a suspect initial few weeks.

CNU did a fantastic job shutting down the Bridgewater offense, which was coming off a 72-24 victory over Hanover last week.

"Defense gave a fantastic effort. (The coaches) did a great job of getting their guys prepared. 72 points against Hanover last week, for crying out loud — we gave them one touchdown today. A great effort," said Kelchner.

CNU is now ranked #19 in the nation by d3football.com after falling off their rankings after the loss to Rowan the first week of the season.

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CNU and McDaniel alike tackled left and right to prevent the other team's players from reaching the end zone. The end zone, I learned, is where a touchdown is made. See? Baby steps.

There are still several aspects of the game that puzzle me. "Illegal use of the hands" sounds more like something I'd say on a date. Off sides, face masking and touchbacks — are those terms in English? And "Jones!" I must have heard the name a thousand times in 3 hours, but ask me to explain his importance and I couldn't do it, until he was

injured. Or should I say, until they were injured. I saw Phillip Jones's (#7) leg get hurt in the first quarter, and then something happened with George Jones's (#1) knee in the third.

I actually watched the entire game and not only the half time show. I suppose that's one of the benefits of understanding something; it becomes more interesting.

I can't say that I will ever fully understand the sport or become football's greatest fan, but I will continue to support the Captains with my attendance and team spirit.

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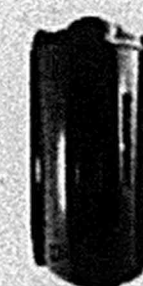
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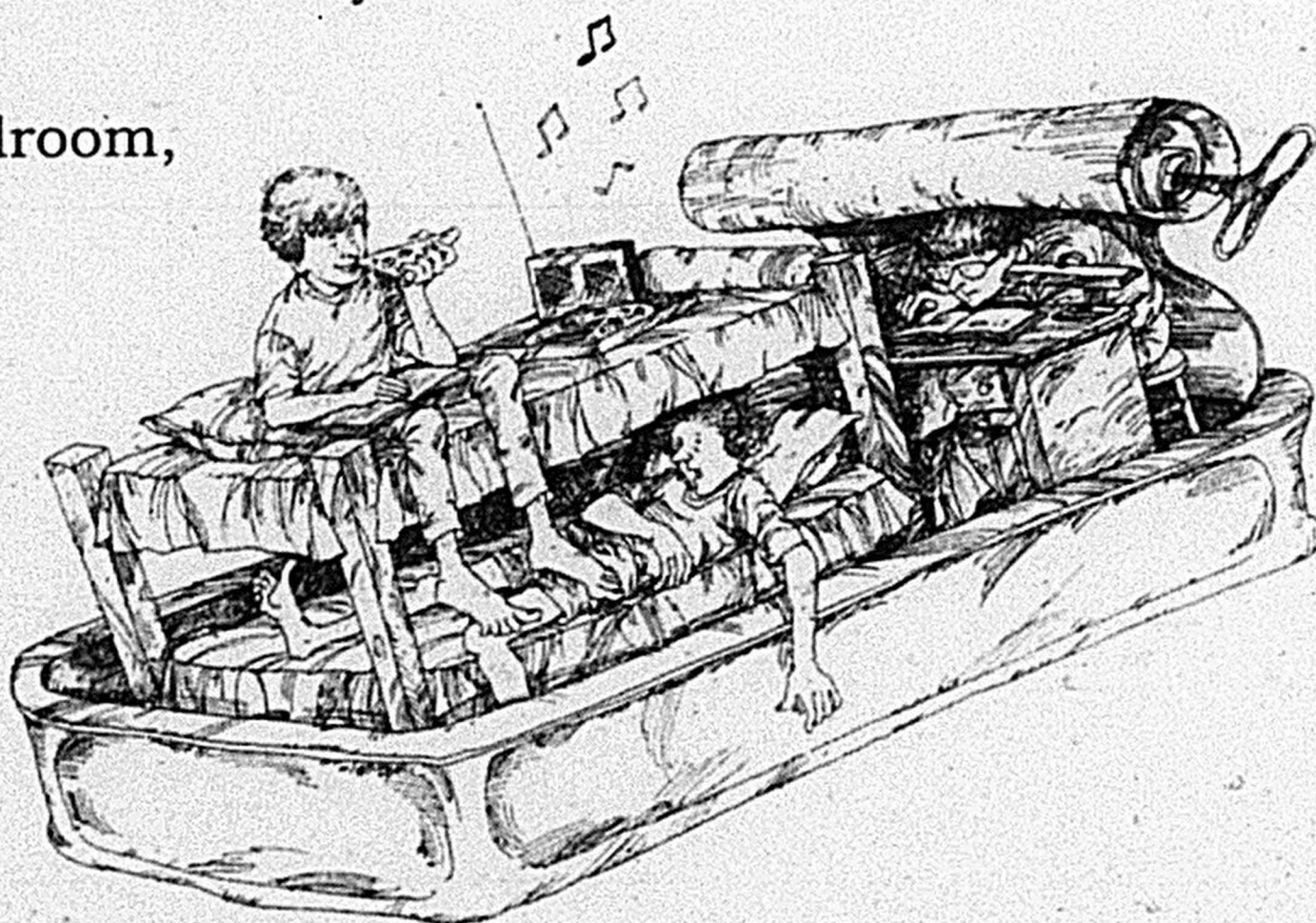
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